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Britain's Money Goes Modern

By MAUD MacDONALD HUTCHESON

(Editor's Note—Consideration of the reverses of a number of recent coin issues as they relate to nature was the basis of an article in the May issue of Nature Magazine, which is reprinted here by permission of that publication. It was illustrated with several of the coins from photographs recently shown in The Numismatist.)

Having reached "legal age limit" on February 21, 1938, the familiar buffalo is to be removed from Uncle Sam's nickel and replaced by a more august figure—that of Thomas Jefferson. According to law, United States coins may not be altered in design oftener than once in twenty-five years, and since the buffalo ousted the Liberty head in 1913 it is due for legitimate retirement this year.

Interestingly enough, the change in this popular piece of money—and, by the way, it has been "front-page news"—follows upon a series of sweeping innovations put into effect by the other branch of the English-speaking peoples. The British—every member of the Empire family—have broken boldly with tradition in the new King George VI coinage. However, instead of being removed from the more commonly used coins, mammals, birds and flowers are now making their début.

The average American does not need to be reminded that John Bull's money, like his weather, just has to be made the best of! Besides, grumbling over the difficulties of the sterling system can give place for a time to genuine interest in the new copper coins.

This modernizing of money was really begun by the Irish Free State, nearly a decade ago, when a "zoological series" was placed on the reverses of a new issue. The Irish hunter, the salmon, the bull, the hound, the hare, a hen with chicks, a pig with a litter, and a woodcock, comprised a currency zoo that aroused the keenest interest in numismatic circles.

With the accession of a new sovereign to the crown of Britain's Empire new money must be minted, and while that does not mean the redesigning of every coin, "the occasion is an appropriate one for reviewing designs generally." So explains Sir Robert Johnson, Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint, in his recently-issued annual report—a document unique among government publications. Its otherwise weighty subject matter is set forth in a manner that fascinates, and in a delicately droll style that makes its reading a delight.

Of course, it has always been traditional for the coinage of the British Empire to carry the head of the sovereign on the obverse side. It is the intricate heraldic emblems on the reverse that have been displaced on so many of the new coins.

During 1936, when the question of minting was up for discussion, Sir Robert Johnson was made aware that "some desire existed for a complete departure from heraldic tradition." "Simple pictorial designs" on the order of the zoological coinage of the Irish Free State could be "understanded of the people," hence a dozen artists, including members of the modern school, were invited to submit new ideas and designs. The result was a surprising paucity of genuinely new ideas. Airplanes, steel works, mines, corn and cattle were suggested but ruled out, since Great Britain, it was felt, could not lay exclusive claim to such emblems.

There ensued much discussion pro and con between the moderns and the die-hards on the advisory committee, and at one stage it looked as if the latter were winning. One artist, however, taking the royal animals as basis, "produced a series of models which displayed both originality of thought and delicacy of craftsmanship." Of these the little wren won unanimous approval and now appears on the farthing. Since the wren is popularly credited with being the smallest of Britain's birds, its place is appropriately on the farthing, a coin of the size and value of half an American cent. In addition, the wren has ancient and mythical claims to "royalty" in the bird world, where its respectability is likewise said to be a by-word.

A romantic change has been bestowed on the coin of next lowest value. The George VI halfpenny (equal to a United States cent) proudly displays the Golden Hind, in which gallant Sir Francis Drake adventured over uncharted seas and named a new world Virginia in compliment to Elizabeth, the imperious Virgin Queen.

Britain's legitimate pride in her shipping has a good deal to do with the appearance of this brave little ship on the halfpenny. It's a far cry from the Golden Hind, with sails furled, to the latest Clyde-built marvel, but, as the Deputy Master of His Majesty's Mint takes occasion to point out, "even the lay mind can see that there's no room for the Queen Mary on a penny!"

Now, the penny, equal to two American cents, is the most unwieldly of all John Bull's coins. It is the heaviest copper coin in circulation in Europe, and, although steadily losing favor because of its bulk and weight, it cannot, like its cousin, the buafflo nickel, be gracefully "retired." The chief reasons are that to recoin some 2,000,000,000 pennies would keep the Royal Mint occupied for a whole decade, and that the automatic vending machine system would be thrown almost out of gear. Pennies have a wide purchasing power in the British Isles, including tram rides.

Since the time of Charles II, Britannia, with a trident in her hand and a shield at her side, has been seated proudly on the penny—a position she continues to keep under George VI. Around the middle of Victoria's reign some daring innovator introduced a tiny lighthouse. The change upset the conservatives so much that the offending property was taken off the next issue, but now the lighthouse reappears in the background.

With the copper coins disposed of, next to be considered was the lowest silver piece, or three-penny "bit." Of exasperating smallness, it has done yeoman service for three cumbersome pennies since 1845.

Statistics show that this coin is regarded with genuine affection in thrifty Scotland, also in Australia and New Zealand—doubtless since so many Scots have migrated to the Antipodes—but English people in general and Londoners in particular have a decided grudge against it. This, thinks the Deputy Master of the Mint, is due to the elusiveness of the tiny piece among other coins in purses, and its proneness to slip out of pockets that have acquired small holes. Anyway, when the new coinage question was up there was hot debate over a more convenient piece to substitute for three pennies.

It had to be readily distinguished both as to size and color from the many other silver and copper members of John Bull's confusing coin family —something that could "be picked out of pocket or purse easily," and that "not even a strayed reveller in the dark" would mistake for, say, sixpence!

The result is a real triumph for the liberals—a 12-sided coin of nickel-brass—its bright yellow color and odd shape setting it undeniably apart,

and it is of a thickness to avoid any surreptitious use in slot machines made for sixpences.

The reverse design is a flower—three heads of the sea-pink or thrift plant that grows in tufts along sandy stretches of seacoast. It is the work of a woman, Miss Madge Kitchener.

Acknowledged as "the most novel feature of the new coinage," this shockingly modern nickel has resulted in "some bad language on the part of the die-hards," yet it has had a remarkably good press. Its peculiar shape, thickness, color and design, however, have made it anathema to the Scottish banks who have classed it a horror and so far won't handle it.

Scotland has been specially complimented anyway, for King George has honored his Queen in a new shilling bearing the Royal Crest for Scotland on the reverse.

Of course, it must not be supposed that conservatism has been entirely overthrown. Britain's silver coins still keep their ancent heraldic forms.

A fact of interest, too, is that, owing to the abdication of King Edward VIII, more than 200 dies for coins, medals and seals were rendered useless.

That this new pictorial policy for coins of the realm is not confined to the British Isles will readily be seen by a glance at the 1937 issues of the various Dominions and overseas possessions.

Canada, oldest of the nations within the British Commonwealth, has adorned the reverse side of her George VI 25-cent piece with a caribou head of noble proportions, while the industrious beaver, claimed as the Dominion's animal-emblem, appears on the nickel. A fishing schooner sails across the dime, and the silver dollar, on which there is considerable room for experiment, portrays a voyageur and an Indian manning a canoe, with an islet for background.

Australia has chosen a merino or ram's head for her shilling, and three ears of wheat for the threepenny bit—designs appropriate in that continent of vast sheep and wheat farms.

South Africa, which has also gone in for boats and birds, has brought Biblical tradition up to date by placing two sparrows on the farthing.

Included in this question of British coin modernization was the proposal to change the Latin inscription surrounding the King's head into ordinary everyday English. Latin, like heraldry, is "not understood of the people," but, although it is becoming an always "deaded" language, it has one marked point in its favor—its contractability.

King George's full title shares the difficulty of the Queen Mary. It is too majestic for use on a piece of normal-sized money. For instance,

"George VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India," is written cryptically round His Majesty's head, as simply "GEORGIVS VI, D.G. BR: OMN: REX: F.D. IND. IMP".

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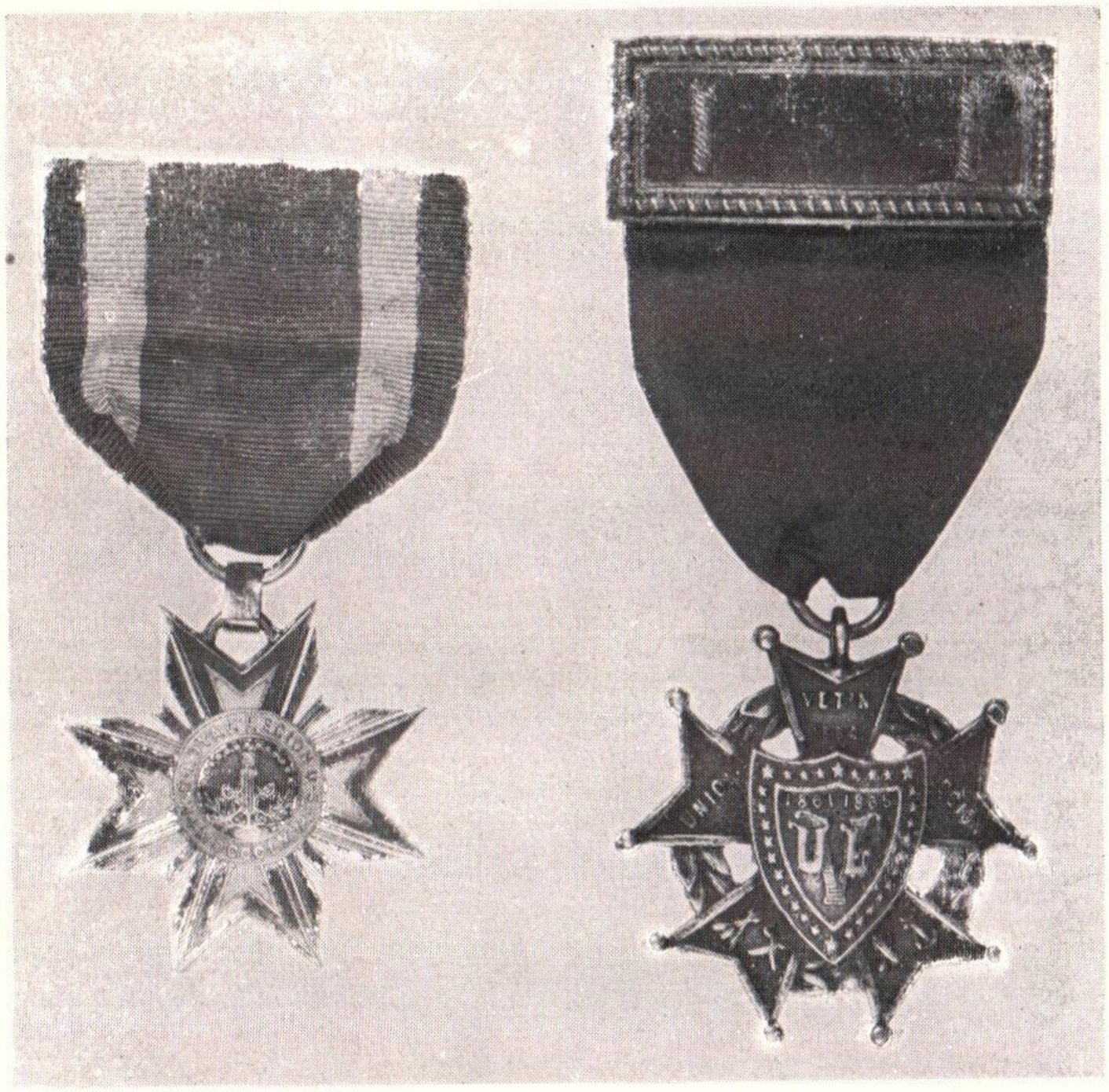
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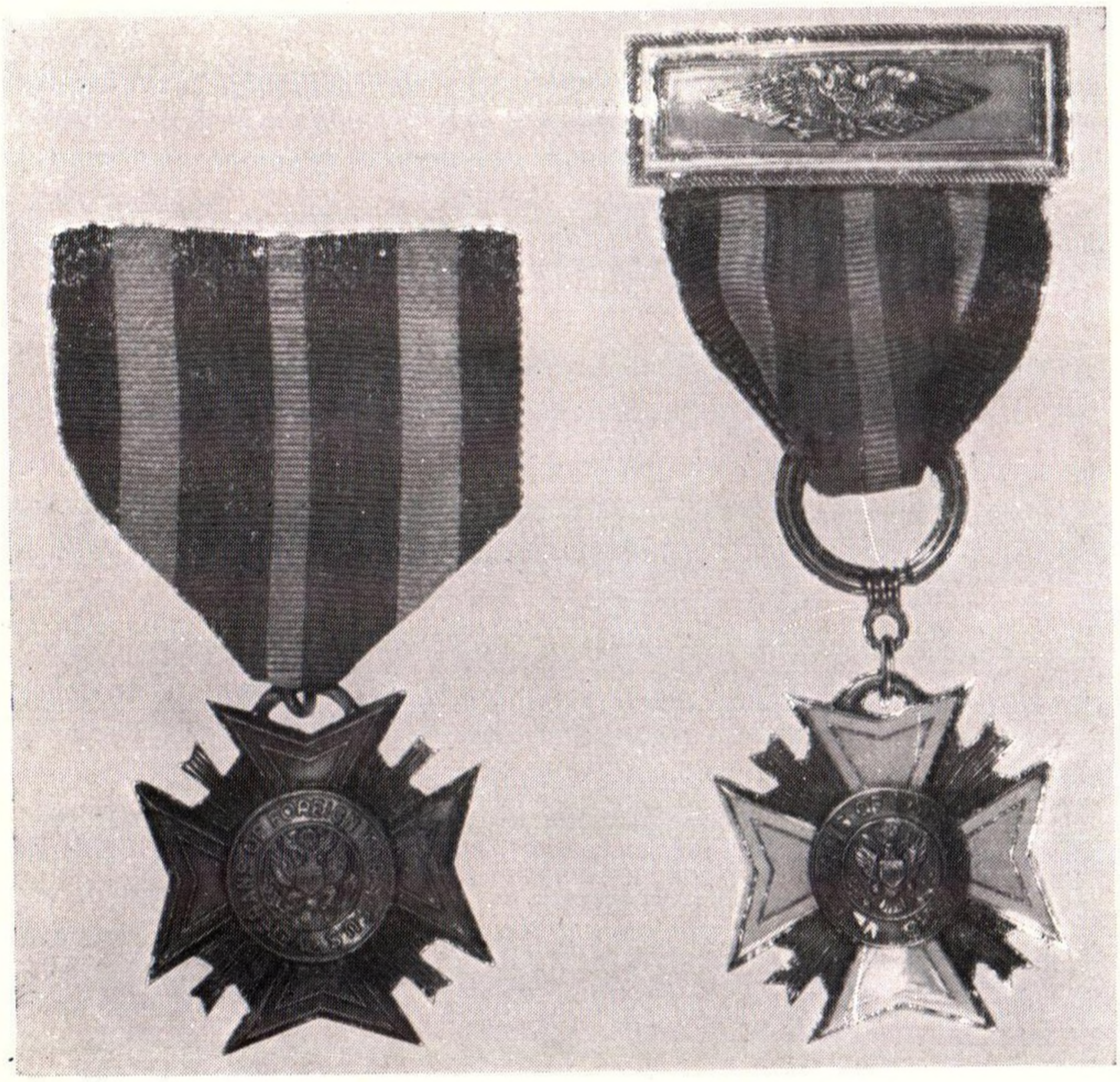
No. 20—The Order of the Loyal Legion consists of three classes: Companions of the First Class, Second Class and Third Class. The objects of this Order shall be to cherish the memories and associations of the war waged in defence of the unity and indivisibility of the Republic; strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship, formed by companionship in arms; foster the cultivation of military and naval science; enforce allegiance to the United States and protect the rights and liberties of American citizenship.

No. 21—The Union Veterans Legion. This order had three classes, designated by bars on a plaque from which the decoration was suspended by a red ribbon. This order has been discontinued.

Nos. 22 and 23—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Eligible to active membership are all those entitled to any campaign badge for service in any of the United States military or naval campaigns in any foreign country, providing they have been honorably discharged. The order issued a badge of base metal for its members, and one of silver gilt for officers.



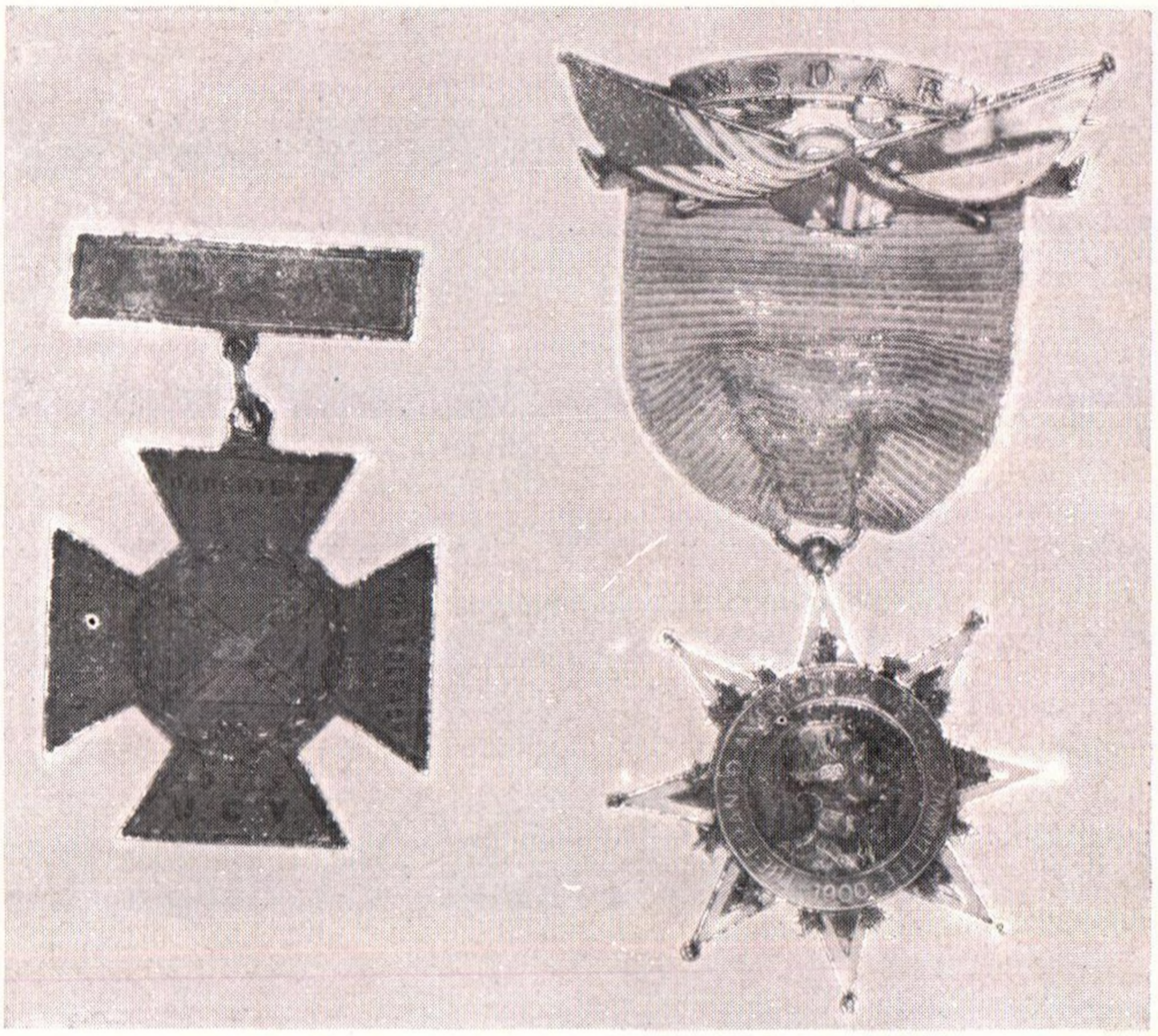
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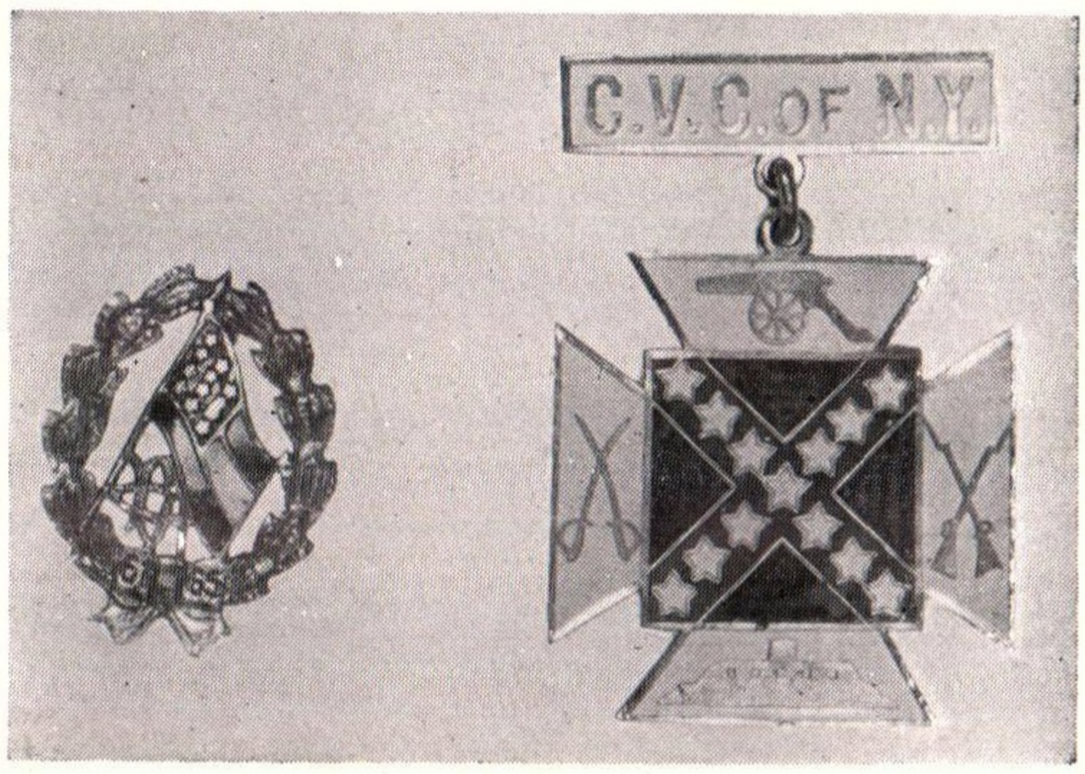
No. 24—The Grand Army of the Republic was organized to bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the Rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead. The decoration shown here is a past commander's, with plaque and eagle made of bronze, and highly esteemed.

No. 25—The organization of United Spanish War Veterans has for its main object fraternal unity of all officers, soldiers and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America, and all other officers who served during the war with Spain; to inculcate the principles of liberty, equal rights and justice to all mankind and to conserve national honor and union through unqualified allegiance to the National Government.

No. 26—The Southern Cross of Honor. A cross pattee made of bronze bearing in the center a laurel wreath encircling the inscription in four lines: "Deo Vindice 1861 1865 Southern Cross of Honor" is inscribed on the four arms. In the center of the reverse, a wreath encircling the flag of the Confederacy, the four arms of the decoration inscribed "United Daughters of the Confederacy to the U. C. V." Suspended from a plain bar. Founded 1899. Mrs. S. E. Gabbett, of Atlanta, Ga., made the design. It is one of the most difficult decorations to obtain, in spite of the large number issued, so highly are they prized by the Southern people.

Crushed till his heroic spirit bleeds
And from its nerveless frame recedes,
They die and weep no more
Until they wake on glory's shore.

No. 27—This badge is an eight-pointed star for the Franco-American Memorial Committee of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



No. 28. **No. 29.**

No. 28—United Daughters of the Confederacy. The badge is a laurel wreath encircling the U. S. flag, with the date, 1861-1865. The object of this association is to honor the memory of those who served and those who fell in the service of the Confederate States.

No. 29—Confederate Veterans camp of New York.

A THIRTY-DUCAT GOLD PIECE OF TRANSYLVANIA.

(Reprinted from the Bulletin of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.)

In Transylvania during the seventeenth century some attractive coins of gold were struck in denominations of one, five, and ten ducats usually, but also pieces, probably struck for presentation, are known of fifty and a hundred ducats. The Museum has received as a gift one of thirty ducats dated 1677, a coin of unusual interest.

Transylvania, that mountainous region formerly a principality of Hungary and now a part of modern Rumania, was a buffer state between powerful neighbors, and its ruling prince from 1661-1690 was Michael Apafi, whose

likeness is seen on our goldpiece. Apafi was placed in power under Turkish influence and ruled his principality in vasalage to the Turks. Earlier in the seventeenth century inscriptions on Transylvanian coins proclaimed their princes as Kings-elect of part of Hungary, but that on the coin of 1677 limits the pretension to the Lordship of a part of the Kingdom.

On the obverse of our coin Prince Apafi is shown at half length wearing elaborately decorated armor, carrying a sceptre in his right hand and with his left resting on his sword-hilt. On his hat of fur is the aigret or heron's crest, a characteristic insignia of these princes. Encircling the figure is the inscription: MIC.APAFI.DEI.G:P:TR: or "Michael Apafi by the Grace of God



Prince of Transylvania." As a surround are two laurel branches, crossed at the base, and on the bands overlaying the two stems appears the metrical inscription:

SPLENDOR OPES AURUM MUNDI MIHI NULLA VOLUPTAS
QUIN PUTO PRO CHRISTO HAEC OMNIA DAMNA MEO

"The glitter, the resources, the gold of the world to me are no delight;

"Nay, rather, I count all these things as losses in comparison with my Christ."

The reverse of the coin is skillful in design and filled with significant detail. The central shield of elliptical form presents the arms of the Apafi, a helmet impaled on a sword and a vine with pendent grapes. This is sur-

rounded by two winged griffins within a circle which is surmounted by an arched crown breaking its border line. In the field are a sun, a crescent, an eagle, and the seven fortress towers of the armorial bearings of Transylvania.

The whole design is framed within curving laurel branches, as on the obverse of the coin, bearing the metrical inscription:

SPES CONFISA DEO NUNQUAM CONFUSA RECEDIT FIDENTEM NESCIT DESERUISSE DEUS

"Hope placed in God never gives way in confusion; God has never abandoned one who trusts in Him."

The larger and abbreviated inscription reads:

PART:REG:HUNGARIAE:DNS:E:SI:CO:1677

"Lord of part of the Kingdom of Hungary and Count of the Czecklers, 1677."

A. Resch, in his work on the coins and medals of Transylvania, describes and illustrates with drawings a hundred-ducat piece, identical with our coin of thirty, and in a supplementary work he catalogues and describes a fifty-ducat piece. All three were struck from the same dies, their difference in face value being wholly a matter of weight.

Commenting on a hundred-ducat piece in the Montenuova Collection (published in 1880) A. Hess writes:

"Of this magnificent gold piece only two specimens were struck. One was a donation for Emperor Leopold and is in the Imperial Coin Cabinet in Vienna. The second one Prince Michael Apafi presented the General, Count Andrassy, in whose family the piece was kept uptil a few years ago, when it came into the possession of Prince Montenuova, to whose courtesy we owe this information. The Vienna Coin Cabinet also possesses a thin restrike in silver, from the dies of the hundred-ducat piece."

Ducats have been coined in many European countries and their value is counted at about two dollars and thirty cents of our money, but their purchasing power in other countries offers, of course, a difficult question of national condition. As late as 1887 a ducat was struck in the English mint, and this trial coin for a proposed use of the decimal system was marked "One Ducat" and also "One Hundred Pence." It is known that in England about 1675 the daily wage of agricultural laborers was eight pence a day and of artisans twelve pence. Assuming that a ducat of Transylvania was equal in 1677 to one hundred English pence, as it probably was, our goldpiece of thirty ducats would have paid, on English terms, for a day's work by three hundred and seventy-five men in the field. One man would have had to labor one year, two months, and two weeks to have earned it.

Under the Transylvanian princes there were eight mint towns, one of which was Fogaras on the Aloota River. Its mint mark is on our coin—A:F (Arcis Fogarasiensis) with three fish emblematic of this town. Three minute initials, CB F, within the rim of the crown record the fact that Christian Bonhorst made the die from which the coin was struck. The thirty ducat piece is of twenty-four carat gold, eighty-three mm. in diameter, and weighs one hundred and four and two tenths grammes, or three ounces. seven pennyweight, Troy weight. This coin, believed to be unique in this denomination, was given anonymously in memory of Zoe Wilbur (1864-1885).

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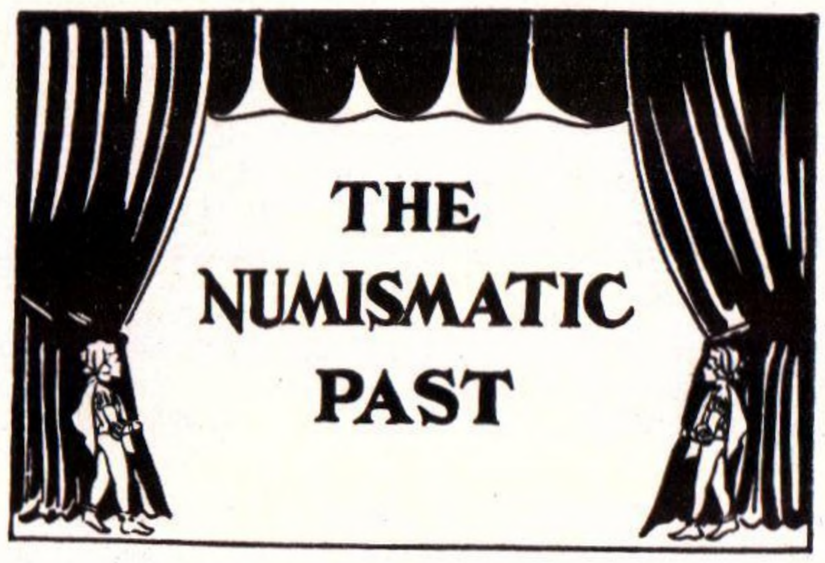
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A meeting has been called at Iowa City, Iowa, for June 12 by Ted Hammer, District Secretary of the A. N. A. for Des Moines and vicinity, for the purpose of organizing an Iowa State Numismatic Society. A number of A. N. A. members from Chicago are expected to attend the meeting.

Drawing Back The Curtain



Numismatics and Numismatists Of A Generation Or Two Ago

The World's Highest Priced Coins

(Editor's Note—Few collectors can enjoy the luxury of $10,000 coins. Yet two specimens of $50 gold pieces, dated 1877, changed hands about 1909 or 1910 for that amount each. They were patterns, and the only ones of that denomination ever struck at a United States mint, except the $50 gold pieces for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. The story of the 1877 coins is reprinted below from The Numismatist of July, 1909.)

The two unique United States fifty-dollar gold coins, each of different design, which have long been regarded as the rarest coins in the world by American coin collectors, were purchased a short time ago by William H. Woodin, of New York City, for $10,000 each, which figure by far exceeds all recorded high premiums paid for any coin ever sold.

The coins were bought of John W. Haseltine and Stephen K. Nagy, the Philadelphia coin dealers, establishing a new world's record. The previous record was held by a specimen of the New York Brasher doubloon in gold struck in New York in 1787, for which $6,200 was paid at the Stickney collection sale in Philadelphia a few years ago.

The newly discovered gold pieces are included in the United States series of pattern coins and represent the most interesting pieces in the American series, the denomination being equivalent to five eagles, or the "half union" recommended in 1854 by Secretary of the Treasury Guthrie. They illustrate the single case where United States coins of this value were struck in gold. They never emerged from the experimental stage, although declared by experts to be the handsomest and the most striking coins ever issued at the United States mint.

These two gold pieces have not been seen since the year of their mintage, 1877, and were supposed by all collectors to have been melted up.

Each of the coins is of a distinctive design, although differing only in minor details. They are exactly two inches in diameter and one-eighth of an inch in thickness.

These were the only $50 gold pieces ever issued at the United States mint and are not to be confounded with the $50 pieces minted in California, dated 1851, 1852 and 1855. The latter pieces were of a semi-official character, having been issued by Moffat & Co., a firm of United States assay contractors, and by the private coining firms of Wass, Molitor & Co. and Kellogg & Co.

And yet the two circular pieces of California and the two rare circular United States "quintuple eagles" which have unexpectedly come to light are closely associated, having all been issued in response to a general demand on the part of the bankers and merchants of San Francisco.

Before the establishment of the United States branch mint at San Francisco in 1854 the California pioneers had to rely upon gold dust and the gold coins made by private persons for their circulating medium. The gold dust fluctuated greatly in value and purchasing power, while the private coins were nearly all of a depreciated character, ranging in value from 8 to 20 per cent. discount. To relieve the inconvenience and loss caused by this circulating medium of indefinite value, the Government in 1850 provided for the establishment of an assay office in San Francisco. This office

was conducted by Moffat & Co., and the official who placed the Government stamp upon the ingots was Augustus Humbert, formerly of New York. Upon the appearance of the United States assay office ingots all the private gold coins were gradually driven out of circulation, many of them being deposited at the assay office and reissued in the shape of the octagonal ingots. The private coins, though of depreciated value, were nevertheless very convenient as they were of the useful denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars. The regular United States gold coins of small denominations rarely appeared in local trade in California, being reserved for the payment of customs duties.

In a short time the gold coins of the smaller denominations all disappeared and the local currency consisted almost wholly of the huge octagonal fifty dollar pieces. Change became so scarce that it was necessary to pay 2 or 3 per cent. to have one of the "slugs" changed into smaller denominations.

Relief to a certain extent was furnished in 1854, when more United States gold pieces came into circulation and the San Francisco branch mint began operations. Soon the octagonal pieces met the fate of the smaller California coin, being exported or sent to the local mint and remelted, and it was not long before the business men of California felt the need of a gold piece of large denomination.

As a result the business men of San Francisco early in 1854 sent a petition to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting him to authorize the striking at the San Francisco mint of a fifty dollar piece of the same shape and fineness as the regular United States double eagle.

This memorial was forwarded to William M. Gwin, one of California's Senators, who in turn presented it to James Guthrie, then Secretary of the Treasury. In his reply Mr. Guthrie favored the issue of gold pieces of large denomination for use in the Pacific States, although he said such pieces were not needed in the East.

In his letter to Senator Gwin, Secretary Guthrie said:

"But there are certain peculiarities in the condition of California, which recommend a different scale of coinage for that region. These are: First, the fact stated in the memorial of the prohibition and entire exclusion of paper money; and, second, the high scale of prices prevalent in California for commodities and service. These circumstances will make larger denominations of coin convenient, particularly in counting and passing large sums. To this may be added that time will be saved in coining, which may be of much consequence to miners and others, at least until the capacity of the branch mint shall be ascertained to be equal to the gold offered.

"In order to harmonize the proposed large coins with the present recognized coins, I would recommend that the coinage be authorized of pieces of $100, and $50, and $25, to be called 'Union,' 'Half Union,' and 'Quarter Union,' but that the 'Half Union' only be struck for the present."

The full text of the bill presented to Congress by Senator Gwin, providing for the issue of the large gold pieces, reads as follows:

"That there shall be coined and issued by the United States, or by such of the branch mints as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, a gold coin of the weight of 2580 grains, of the value of one hundred dollars, and another of the weight of 1290 grains, of the value of fifty dollars; each of which coins shall be of the standard fineness, now prescribed by law, for the gold coins of the United States.

"That the Secretary of the Treasury cause the necessary dies, and other apparatus, to be prepared by proper and skillful artists, under the superintendence of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for coining the above coins, with such devices, motto, and figures as may be approved by the President of the United States; the expenses of which shall be defrayed from the ordinary appropriation for the expenses of the mint and branch mints of the United States."

Badly needed as were the gold coins provided by the bill, the bill never became a law. On May 29, 1854, Senator Gwin again brought the matter of the issue of the five and ten eagle pieces to the attention of the Senate, but discussion was postponed. On June 16 the bill passed the Senate by a large majority, although it failed to meet the approval of the House.

Early in 1855, as the Government showed no signs of responding favorably to the appeals of the Californians for a $50 piece, two of the principal private coining firms of San Francisco, Wass, Molitor & Co. and Kellogg & Co.,

began the issue of circular $50 gold coins. Both issues were worth fully their face value, although the gold was of a lower fineness in the Kellogg piece than contained by the regular United States coins, making necessary an increased weight for the Kellogg coin of 1309 grains, which is stamped on the ribbon carried in the beak of the eagle on the reverse.

It is customary at the mint to provide samples of a proposed coinage as soon as the bill authorizing such an issue is presented.

It is not known why the work of executing the dies of the United States $50 pieces was delayed until 1877 when the reason for their creation occurred in 1854. While only these two pieces were struck in gold, still a number of specimens were made of copper from each of the two sets of dies. Even the copper pieces are of great rarity and highly valued.

The coins were designed by William Barber, formerly chief engraver of the mint and father of the present chief engraver, Charles E. Barber. Mr. Barber's initial, "B," appears on the coins under the bust of Liberty. The reverse design of both coins is exactly the same. There are marked differences on the obverse. The head of Liberty on one is larger than the other, the diadem bearing the word LIBERTY being plain, while the second variety shows a smaller head, and the diadem bears five starlike ornaments. The date of both coins is the same, "1877."

The $50 Gold Pattern Pieces Returned To Mint

(Editor's Note—Following the sensation created by the sale of the two $50 gold pattern pieces in 1909, as related above, the coins were returned to the mint under conditions satisfactory to all concerned. The story of their return is told in December, 1910, issue of The Numismatist, as follows):

The two unique $50 pattern coins of the United States which less than two years ago came into numismatic limelight by their sale to Mr. William H. Woodin, of New York, for $10,000 each, the highest price known to be paid for any coin, have been returned to the mint cabinet and are now exhibited there. The existence of these pieces was not known except to the one who obtained them at the mint years ago and his agents until the purchase by Mr. Woodin was made public. Complete reference to the transaction and story of the production of these pieces will be found in The Numismatist for July, 1909.

The recent agitation on the part of the Government regarding pattern coins was, no doubt, precipitated by the writings and discussions that followed the sale of these two pieces for such a large sum. Not so much that the price paid was extraordinary, but by the natural question: "How and why did these pieces leave the mint?" and "Who obtained them and by what right?"

These pieces, coined in 1877, were at one time in the mint cabinet, later they were removed and were supposed to have been melted up. Their return is certainly pleasing. The two specimens in gold are now shown side by side, obverse side to view, in the pattern case at the mint; the reverse is shown by a specimen in copper.

It is understood that these pieces are now the property of the Government and that one of the understandings attending their transfer was that they should never be destroyed. Conditions attending Mr. Woodin's disposition of the pieces, so far as we have been able to learn, have not been stated by those who were parties to the transaction more than it is understood that the matter was consummated to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Woodin.

Status of Pattern Coins Established

(Editor's Note—The outcome of the seizure of a number of pattern coins in 1910 by Government officials, reprinted in this department in our March and April, 1938, issues, is given in the October-November, 1910, issue of The Numismatist and is reprinted here):

Decidedly pleasing news for collectors at large is to be found in the action of the Government in dismissing its action against Captain John W. Hasel-

tine. This action was based on the contention of the Government that all pattern coins had been unlawfully removed from the mint.

In our issue for July we presented at considerable length the questioned status of pattern coins by the Government, that a number had been seized from Captain Haseltine, that the rights of collectors in general to possess them was in question and that Captain Haseltine was determined to contest at law against the Government in defense of the individual's rights to own and possess pattern coins.

Regarding the dismissal of the case the following letter is in evidence:

Philadelphia, October 29th, 1910.

U. S. vs. John W. Haseltine.
No. 910. April Sessions, 1910.

John B. Robinson, Esq.,
United States Marshal, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: The above case having been discontinued, you will please deliver to the defendant or his attorney the coins seized under the writ of replevin in said case.

(Signed) J. W. THOMPSON,
United States Attorney.

Captain Haseltine is to be congratulated on the successful outcome of the case. We believe the officers of the Goverument who caused the action to be brought were ignorant as to precedent and the manner in which pattern coins had for many years been issued at the mint, and, when the numerous protests from numismatists came, investigation showing a mistake had been made followed, and as the passage of several months did not strengthen the position of the Government the case was dismissed.

Now that the department is familiar with the history of pattern coins and that the dismissal of the case indicates "no cause for action," we are hopeful that it will place on record that which for all time will insure the peaceful possession of all pattern coins issued up to 1909 inclusive. Recent regulations make it offensive to hereafter remove any pattern coins from the mint.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE FOR COIN COLLECTING.

By ROBERT K. BOTSFORD.

It is always the source of much satisfaction to have one's writings published. This is especially true when the local newspaper will print those activities which take in but a limited group in the community life. Thus, I feel deeply indebted to the Berwick Enterprise for giving me generously of the newspaper space for numismatic articles. One should keep in mind that Berwick was the home of William H. Woodin, who owned the two 1877 United States $50 gold pieces, and later was so truly interested in pattern and trial pieces.

So it is a distinct pleasure to set forth the article that was published with the heading, "Coin Collecting Badge of Merit. Fascinating Hobby Made Basis of New Boy Scout Award. Seven Steps in Earning Merit Badge." The complete article is written for the general information of all numismatists, and especially for those who seek to cultivate the younger generation with the thought in mind that these boys will be the numismatists of tomorrow.

Coin collecting, a fascinating hobby through which one may learn a great deal concerning customs, architecture, plants and animals, weapons, armor and clothing, religion and government, history and mythology and many other things pertaining to the ancients, will undoubtedly win many new adherents through the new Merit Badge in Coin Collecting which may be earned by Scouts.

Coins have been valuble help in historic research and at times have been the only source of information available about the customs of ancient peoples. The names of kings, princes and other rulers were unknown until portraits, dates and other legends were found on coins.

Coin collecting may be enjoyed by anyone. It is not necessary to own specimens of the very rare coins to be a successful numismatist, as coin

collectors are known. Scouts are told that they should be able to recognize a coin and know something about it, or where to find out about it.

The dividends from coin collecting combine fun, knowledge and entertainment, which increase each year with the size of the collection. The greatest satisfaction is obtained when a boy finally locates and acquires some long-sought specimen. A most interesting part of the hobby is assembling information about each coin and labeling the collection. Initiative and design play a large part in making the collection interesting to others.

To earn the new Merit Badge in Coin Collecting a Scout of first-class rank must:

1. Own and exhibit at least 100 types of coins personally collected by him and mounted for display, including coins from at least 15 different countries, properly classified as to country, ruler (if any), denomination, date and any special reason for issuing. This collection shall also include five coins made of each of the following materials properly noted as part of the classification data—silver, nickel, copper and two other alloys.

2. Give a brief interesting history of: (a) the origin of the American silver dollar, and the derivation of its name; (b) U. S. coins since the first ones issued, giving all denominations of U. S. coins issued for circulation and the metals used in each.

3. Explain fully what is meant by the following terms, illustrating with examples from his own collection wherever possible: Pine Tree shilling; Trade dollar; Colonial coins; Hard Times tokens or Jackson cents; commemorative issues; necessity money of the United States; Flying Eagle cents, and fractional currency.

4. Explain the following terms, illustrating with examples from his own collection wherever possible: AU; AR; AE; bust; exergue; flan; head; incuse; inscription; legend; obverse; counterfeit; counterstamp; rounded edge; reverse; struck coin; and cash coin.

5. Describe the condition of coins classified in the following ways: Proof; uncirculated; fine; good; poor. Explain how the value of a coin is determined.

6. Classify as to country, denomination and material, five coins furnished by his Merit Badge Counselor.

7. State what is the purpose of mint marks on a coin. Name three United States mints and show a coin from each mint from his own collection.

JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Meetings have been held regularly twice a month, with the first Friday devoted to business and the third Friday to the open meeting. The last open meeting, on April 22nd, was one of varied interest, for several displays were made in continuance of the series of hobbies exhibits by the members. Robert Weber and Marshall Taft exhibited fine specimens of minerals and explained them. David Freed showed his large collection of sales tax and transportation tokens. Warren Salz brought his collections of commemorative half dollars and small U. S. cents, mounted in special coin albums. Roy Hill exhibited a few stamps from Finland. Attendance by adult collectors at these open meetings has not been numerous, but this time we were pleased to have Major Osborne, recently of Chicago, who made some very instructive remarks about collecting and making the club a success. He also gave some good pointers on what to look for on coins in order that we may be on the lookout for any that may not be genuine.

Summer recess will be started before this is read, but another open meeting with interesting displays will have been put on, May 20th. It is hoped to start the new season in September with programs of a different nature and to have additions to the membership.

There are many young collectors who cannot join the adult clubs because of membership restrictions, but they should be reached for organization into junior groups. Evidence of the interest of youngsters in collecting is coming from various places, for when they read the various numismatic magazines, few as they are, concerning junior groups, they take note and seek contact with them, and thus maintain their interest in our hobby.

ROY HILL, Counselor.

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Editorial Comment—Numismatic News

WHAT THE NEW NICKEL WILL LOOK LIKE.

After a few changes by the sculptor, the models for the new five-cent coin have been officially photographed and are reproduced here. The coins are not expected to be struck or issued until later in the summer or fall.

As announced in last month's issue, the winner of the competition for the best designs was Felix Schlag, of Chicago. Among the conditions required for the designs were the following, taken from a circular sent out to all American sculptors:

"The subject matter must contain on the obverse of the coin an authentic portrait of Thomas Jefferson. On the reverse side the subject matter will be a representation of Monticello, Jefferson's historic home near Charlottesville. In addition to the words required by law to appear on the coin, the coin may contain the inscription, 'MONTICELLO,' in order to identify the architecture. The coinage laws require that there shall appear upon the obverse side of the coin the word 'LIBERTY' and the date '1938,' and upon the reverse side of the coin the inscriptions 'E PLURIBUS UNUM' and

'UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,' and the denomination 'FIVE CENTS.' The coin should also contain the motto 'IN GOD WE TRUST.' None of the legends or devices are to be abbreviated and should be all in capital letters."

The new Jefferson nickel has the distinction of being the first coin of the



—Courtesy of the Treasury Department Art Projects.

United States the designs for which were selected in an open competition, arrangements for which were made by Edward Bruce, Director of the Section of Painting and Sculpture of the Treasury Department.

The contest brought in 390 models, which were displayed at the Treasury Warehouse, where the selection of the winning designs took place on April

20. From the 390 models entered, all but about 50 were eliminated at first for various reasons. A further elimination reduced the number to 10, and it was from these 10 that the winner of the contest was selected.

It is reported that changes will be made in the lettering of the inscriptions—that block letters will be used instead of the style shown in the illustrations. It is feared the present lettering would not be sufficiently legible when reduced to the nickel size of the coin.

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES.

Australia—Bronze penny, dated 1938. The reverse has a kangaroo and a seven-pointed star, symbolizing the various states within the Australian



Commonwealth. The obverse has the head of George VI of Great Birtain. (Specimen from the New Netherlands Coin Company, New York City.)

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ART SOCIETY HOLDS EXHIBIT.

Coins dating from early Greece and the Roman Empire to the latest Canadian issues were displayed at an exhibit recently held by the Canadian Numismatic Art Society at the Hudson's Bay store. Roman coins, imperial and republic, were shown. British coinage from Henry VI to Elizabeth, and a crown made from coins showing four generations of the royal family in sixpences, threepences, Canadian dimes and small nickels, were displayed.

There was a complete collection of copper coins of German provinces and cities, representing each reign and issue of German coinage from 1500 to 1920. The exhibit included the coins of German possessions.

An exhibit of military medals from Waterloo, various Indian risings, the Crimean War, the Canadian Northwest rebellion of 1885, the defense of Ladysmith during the Boer was was displayed.

Medals and tokens of Canada, including bank tokens from 1837 to 1880, and merchandise tokens, ribbons of the French Canadian Artisans' Society, formed an historic part of the exhibit.

Change In Advertising Rates

The Executive Board of the A. N. A. has decided that, effective with the August, 1938, issue of The Numismatist, the advertising rates for the one-inch and one-eighth-page spaces will be increased slightly, as follows:

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
One inch, one insertion	$1.35	$1.60
One-eighth page, one insertion	2.25	2.60

SEVENTEENTH ISSUE OF THE SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS.

The seventeenth issue of the Society of Medalists, which is the first for 1938, was issued about May 1 and is illustrated here.





Stirling Calder is the sculptor and the medals were struck by the **Medallic** Art Company, New York City.

COMMENTS ON TEXAS HALF DOLLAR.

Following is a copy of a letter to the American Legion Magazine from George S. Vanderwende, of Washington, D. C., a member of the A. N. A. and the Washington Numismatic Society:

"The issuance of commemorative half dollars has given a great impetus to coin collecting. It has also been the cause of considerable dissension. The Texas commemorative coins have been a large contributing factor.

"The Texas Memorial Museum Commission was successful in having a bill introduced in Congress authorizing the issuance of 1,500,000 commemorative half dollars.

"In 1934, 205,113 coins were struck, 113 of which were retained for assay purposes. In 1936, 135,000 of these coins were returned to the Mint to be melted, leaving 70,000 for distribution. In the following years the Texas Memorial Museum Commission has issued Texas commemorative coins as follows:

Year	Philadelphia Mint	Denver Mint	San Francisco Mint	Total
1935	10,008	10,007	10,008	30,023
1936	10,008	10,006	10,008	30,022
1937	8,005	8,009	8,006	24,018
1938	5,005	5,006	5,005	15,016

"Many coin collectors, myself as one, collect all commemorative coins, each year and from each mint. I have bought all of the Texas commemorative coins, which makes thirteen of them in my collection. All of these coins are the same, except for dates and mint marks. As a result, many collectors have only one Texas coin in their collection.

"In accordance with the bill passed in 1933, the Texas commemorative coins can be issued in successive years until a total of 1,500,000 are issued. The Texas coin, together with three other commemorative issues, have been in a great part responsible for the restrictions upon commemorative coins issued in 1937 and 1938.

"If the Texas Memorial Museum Commission and the other three commissions who issued yearly coins without changing the design, had changed the design each year they would probably have had greater success in their purpose and sale of coins. The Texas coins were sold for $1.50 or more. Outside of relatively few people in Texas, numismatists have bought all the coins sold.

"It is an imposition on coin collectors to do what the Texas Memorial Museum Commission and the other three commissions have done. Their selfish act of yearly production of commemorative coins of the same design has been an important factor in stopping the coinage of future issues of commemorative coins. They have "run a good thing to death" and, in so doing, have done considerable harm to the development of one of the most outstanding hobbies that any individual can develop.

"I must admit that the Texas coins have been very outstanding in their distribution and very little speculation, to my knowledge, has resulted as is the case in the distribution of other commemorative coins. But why in the name of common sense should any of the coin commissions continue to issue the same coin year after year and have their commemorative coins take their place along with regular coinage rather than take its place as a real distinctive commemorative coin?

"I do not know whether you are at all interested in my comments, but as a numismatist and collector interested in the future of commemorative coins I just could not help but make these comments as to the only disheartening part of your article.

"I am not a Legionnaire, as I was too young for service."

(Editor's Note—The annual striking of a comparatively small number of commemorative half dollars of a few of the issues, in comparison with the number authorized in the enabling act, has been the cause of much of the grievance against the entire series by many collectors. They believe it was a mistake for Congress to authorize an issue of 1,500,000 coins. More recent acts of Congress indicate that that body also realizes it was a mistake. Much of Mr. Vanderwende's complaint is based on the fact that all

the Texas coins issued so far have been of the same design. This applies as well to two or three other issues of the series. But a change in the design involves time, labor and expense almost equal to that in preparing designs and dies for the initial issue. After the designs for the first issue have been approved by the Director of the Mint, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Fine Arts Commission, no change can be made in them except the date (the year in which they are coined). The only issue in which there has been a change of design is the Arkansas coin—the one with the bust of Robinson. To accomplish this change it was necessary to have an additional act of Congress authorize it, and even then official approval of the models must be obtained, along with the cost of preparing the new die.)

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES.

Albania—Silver one and two francs, dated 1937, both of the same design. The year 1937 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of Albania from Turkish domination. The obverse shows the head of King Zog, and the reverse the crowned arms with the winged helmet above. The anniversary dates are below. The mint mark R(ome) appears on the



obverse. This issue is particularly noteworthy, as it is believed to be the only 1 and 2 franc issues of any country in Europe formerly on the Latin monetary standard which has still retained the original size, weight and value. Special emphasis should be placed on this fact, as all other currencies of the same unit are usually referred to as being on the "reduced standard." (Specimens from the New Netherlands Coin Company, New York City.)

HOARD OF ANCIENT ROMAN COINS FOUND IN ENGLAND.

At a recent meeting of the New Zealand Numismatic Society Sir John Hanham submitted for exhibition a Roman silver coin of Gordian III (A. D. 238-244) from a hoard of over 10,000 Roman coins discovered at Dorchester, England, not far from Sir John's home. The jury empanelled found the coins "treasure trove," and after the British Museum had taken a selection the finder was permitted to sell about 10,000 of them.

MR. NEEDELS CORRECTS WRONG IMPRESSION.

In our May issue, at top of page 476, was an advertisement apparently by the Detroit Coin Club. George W. Needels, president of the club, writes that the advertisement was ordered without the knowledge or authority of the club, and he desires that all A. N. A. members be informed of that fact.

Change In Time Of Mailing The Numismatist.

Effective with the July issue, a change in the time of mailing The Numismatist will be made, the effect of which will be to have the magazine reach all its readers at approximately the same time. Copies going to the Far West (seventh and eighth zones), as well as to Canada and foreign points, will be mailed first. Two or three days later copies for the Middle West (fourth, fifth and sixth zones) will be mailed, followed two or three days later by copies for the East (first, second and third zones). By this arrangement it is hoped to minimize the complaints from readers in the Far West that, due to distance, they are not given full opportunity to have orders for advertised coins filled by Eastern dealers in competition with Eastern readers.

COINAGE FOR APRIL, 1938.

Following is the amount of coinage (in dollars and cents) executed by the mints of the United States during April, 1938, as reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

	Philadelphia.	San Francisco.	Denver.
Half dollars, regular	$ 92,251.50	.....	.....
Quarter dollars	242,125.75	.....	.....
Dimes	351,050.30	.....	.....
Five cents	.....	.....	$106,000.00
One cent	204,785.00	.....	5,000.00

Coinage executed for foreign governments:
At San Francisco Mint—China, 1,650,000 silver dollars.

NEW SWEDEN TERCENTENARY MEDAL.

The official medal adopted by the New Sweden Tercentenary Committee of New England in connection with the tercentenary celebrations being held this summer throughout New England is expected to be issued during June. Several celebrations have already been held in different cities in New England, and more are being planned, all leading up to the big celebration that will be held in the Boston Garden in Boston, Mass., July 10.

The program for this celebration will include a reception for the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Sweden, who will visit New England after the national celebration in Delaware, also several tableaus depicting the early history of the Swedish settlers in the Delaware Valley, etc.

GUSTAF POLSON.

CORRECTION.

Earl M. Cole, 914 Frazier St., Des Moines, Iowa, several weeks ago was appointed District Secretary of the A. N. A. for Des Moines and vicinity. Through an oversight his name has not heretofore been published in the list of District Secretaries.

DOMESTIC COINAGE FOR THE FOUR MONTHS OF 1938.

	Philadelphia.	San Francisco.	Denver.
Half dollars, regular	2,856,012	.....	.....
Quarter dollars	4,534,012	.....	.....
Dimes	10,392,112	.....	.....
Nickels	.....	.....	7,020,000
Cents	88,744,500	10,180,000	6,950,000
Commemorative half dollars:			
Arkansas, 1938-1936	6,006	6,006	6,005
Oregon, 1938	6,006	6,006	6,005
Texas, 1938-1936	5,005	5,006	5,005
Total coinage	106,543,653	10,197,018	13,987,015

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES.

Uruguay—Bronze-aluminum 10 centesimos, dated 1936. The obverse has a head of Liberty, while the native puma is shown on the reverse. This issue is similar to the commemorative 10 centesimos of 1930. The 1930 issue was of slightly larger diameter and bore on the reverse commemorative inscriptions. That issue was signed by the designer at the French Mint, but carried no mint mark. The present issue has no signature, but does have a mint mark. (Specimen from the New Netherlands Coin Company, New York City.)





BOOK REVIEW.

If you are one of the myriad of general collectors who has lamented the lack of a suitable, up-to-date guide for the intelligent acquisition of foreign coins, you will welcome the recent release of Wayte Raymond's new book, "Coins of the World." This book is the most important contribution to the field of foreign coin collecting that has been presented to the numismatic fraternity since the famous Scott catalogues of the early part of the century were published. It is, moreover, far more extensive in scope and vastly different in makeup from the old Scott bulletins, which were essentially no more than price catalogues. Its value to the student of arts, science or history is immediately apparent, and widespread use of the work may be anticipated for both schools and libraries.

It is to be regretted that the period of coinage represented in the book has been limited to the twentieth century, but we are reliably informed that consideration has already been given to the subsequent publication of additional works of a similar nature covering earlier coinages. In the meantime we can content ourselves with the splendid material which has been made available to date and entertain the hope that its successful reception will encourage the authors to provide us with further volumes of this sort in the not too distant future.

"Coins of the World" is a happy combination of standard catalogue, general price guide and reference work for the acquisition and attribution of twentieth century coins of all countries of the world. Within its gold-stamped, green cloth cover is contained a descriptive catalogue of over three thousand coins, over a third of which are illustrated. The half-tone

illustrations are superb in their faithfulness of reproduction and clarity of detail. Some objection may be raised as to the propriety of the unnatural black appearance of the field and lower portions of certain of the proof coins pictured, but in general the lights and shadows have been treated in a most expert manner.

The general arrangement of the work is more than usually satisfactory from the standpoint of the collector-student. Each political group has been divided into its natural historical periods. In this way the coins of Germany as an Empire are treated first, along with the coin-issuing states of the Empire, and as a Republic secondly. Similarly, Austrian coins are arranged as they appeared under the Austro-Hungarian Empire first and then as the Republic of Austria. The second subdivision provides for associating coinages under a particular ruler with one another. Finally, the coinages have been grouped according to the metal in which they were struck, such as gold, silver, nickel, bronze, etc. This method of arrangement facilitates the location and attribution of coins and will be particularly helpful to the beginner.

In addition to the usual description of the coins themselves there is a generous sprinkling of interesting information given concerning their issue, along with a genuine attempt to evaluate the rarity of the pieces. There is much to be said about the pricing of coins in such a catalogue, but it is quite generally accepted today that any work of this kind would be entirely incomplete if some indication of relative rarity were not given.

The book has been dedicated to the Memory of Howland Wood, late curator of the American Numismatic Society, who did much of the original work on the volume proir to his death early this year. The authors, Wayte Raymond and Stuart Mosher, have graciously acknowledged the assistance of more than thirty outstanding dealers and collectors in the preparation of the manuscript. The influence that "Coins of the World" will exert on American numismatics can only be estimated at this time, but the writer will hazard the opinion that it will ultimately serve to revitalize interest in general collecting in a manner heretofore unknown in this country.

WILLIAM S. DEWEY, A. N. A. Librarian.

CHANGE IN DOLLAR SILVER CERTIFICATE.

The Series of 1935 $1 Silver Certificate has been altered to the Series of 1935-A.

A very minor change, but one of some saving has been accomplished by removing the words from the plate "Series of 1935," which were engraved at the upper left and lower right. The new inscription Series 1935-A has been made a part of the electrotype insert of the signatures, and is found at the lower right corner only.

The import of this is that henceforth immediate changes can be recorded, for while a new electro is needed anyway to record a new signature, the series can be altered without affecting the engraved plate. Of course this series description will be changed as the fac-simile signatures are changed. New plate numbers have been started to denote the uninscribed plates.

R. H. L.

THE PRICE OF COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS.

A reader in the Middle West sends us the following copy of a letter he wrote recently to one of commissions in charge of the distribution of commemorative half dollars:

"The advertising circular addressed to me as a previous purchaser of your commemorative half dollars is interesting. It emphasizes the reason for so much criticism of the commemoratives. It is a pity that some distributors have so handled commemoratives that they have been brought into complete disrepute. I did purchase two of your commemoratives at $1.65 each. Now they are advertised by a ———— dealer at $1.30 each. It is not likely that he paid full price for these and is now offering them for $1.30. It is situations of this kind which make honest collectors hostile toward Congress authorizing any more commemoratives."

BOOK REVIEW.

Numismatic History of Mexico. From the Pre-Columbian Epoch to 1823. By Alberto Francisco Pradeau, Los Angeles, The Author, 1938. 4to, 146 pages, 24 plates. $5.00 bound, $4.00 in paper covers.

This volume is a real contribution to numismatic science, and a volume which should interest the economist and student of American history. It should appeal to every collector and student of the coinage of the United States, for it is well known that until 1857 the silver money of Mexico was legal tender in the United States, where it constituted a major part of the metal currency of the colonies and the early republic. Indeed, its use lingered on even after it was demonetized, for a friend who was born in North Carolina tells me he saw there Mexican dollars in circulation shortly after the Civil War.

Dr. Pradeau has written a history of the currency as well as the coinage of Mexico. In this volume he has discussed the issues up to the time of the recognition of Mexican independence, and through the brief Empire of Iturbide. A companion volume on the coinage of the Republic is in preparation and may be expected within a year. The work is not a corpus, and no promise is made to describe minutely every variety of the coinage. But actually almost every major variety is described or illustarated on the plates, and ingenious check lists tell us what denominations are known to exist for each year, and with what initials of the assayers.

After a discussion of the native currency, marked by good sense and based on many original documents, the author proceeds to a discussion of the actual coinage of the Spanish kings, silver primarily, and sometimes gold. The attempts to introduce a copper coinage in the early days were unsuccessful, and there is little copper even in the eighteenth century, when tokens were in use. The amounts coined according to the mint records, of which a surprising number survive, are printed in full and reflect the extraordinary richness of the silver mines of Mexico, which supplied many other countries with currency from China and the West Indies, to England itself, at different periods.

To the reviewer the most interesting part of the book is the elaborate and long-desired study of the coinages of the Mexican War of Independence. There is careful discussion of the branch mints set up by the authorities loyal to Ferdinand VII, as well as by the various rebel leaders, and the countermarks impressed to validate and revalidate different issues by both sides. These coins are almost all crude, and naturally some of them are extremely rare, although the coins of Morelos are familiar to every collector. To the elucidation of the more obscure issues Dr. Pradeau contributes much new information, and makes many shrewd conjectures. But it is on the coinage of Morelos that he makes what will please scholarly collectors most. He has found a document which makes it certain the familiar monogram on his coinage stands for Morelos, not for Mexico, and so solves one of the great disputed points of numismatic science.

There are, of course, small things here and there to which the reviewer may object. My only real objection is to the treatment of the gold pieces that turned up in the Glendining Sale of June 1937. Some of them were withdrawn as spurious, and the rest were certainly, if judged by the company they kept, of a very doubtful nature. They sould have been treated in footnotes or an appendix, and not admitted to the text. Their presence lessens the impression made by Dr. Pradeau's other evidence that some Morelos gold may be genuine. The case for the coin on Plate XIV, 3, is good. It is my recollection that Howland Wood thought one or two others genuine many years ago; I cannot recall if my friend David Proskey thought one or none that he had seen genuine. But bad ones are certainly in existence, cast in gold from originals in silver or copper, and I should have liked to see only those that have a reassuring history cited in the text itself. Dr. Pradeau is of course right in discussing these things, and with his opinions I have no quarrel, only that he seems more favorable to a casual reader than he probably is. His treatment of the "Aztec coins," pure fakes, is delightful.

It is pleasant to comment on the unsolved problems and try to suggest better solutions than the author, but it is hard to do that when the author has expressed any absolute opinion. However he inclines to leave to the

future the solution of the countermarks L. V. S. and L. V. A. On the former I can offer a scrap of new information, the "dots" that surround the letters are five pointed stars, and I have seen two specimens on Chihuahua cast provisionals of 1812 not recorded here. And the countermark seems to me to resemble that of Linares in style. Nor am I quite happy about Dr. Pradeau's explanation of the two erased or completely worn coins with countermarks, Plate XX, 12 and 13. The C. M. S. on the former looks somehow later than 1815, and the eagle with snake seems influenced by that on coins of the Republic; I mean in style. This is, of course, using a method of criticism derived from the study of Greek coins. Perhaps both follow closely some banner, but I cannot believe the general coinage follows these obscure rarities. I believe Dr. Pradeau himself may some day find a better explanation. He has handled L. C. V. (Vera Cruz) and MVA (Monclova) with masterly hand, and in his desire to accept with caution the Valladolid square pattern, our hearts will be on his side, as in the coin's history.

The volume concludes with a brief notice of the money of Iturbide, and the reviewer agrees that the types of this ruler were used only at Mexico City, the branch mints obviously used the types of Ferdinand VII, whose coins of 1823 are known.

The book is beautifully printed, and the plates excellent, a book in every way a credit to the author.

THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT.

WHEN THERE WERE FEW COLLECTORS OF U. S. GOLD COINS.

I think the following comment in the December, 1875, issue of the Coin Collectors' Journal will be of interest to present-day collectors of United States gold. In reporting results of the great Cohen collection, sold November 25 to 29, 1875, they say: "Lots 249 to 262. Magnificent proof sets of the years 1862 to 1875, inclusive, each composed of a $20, $10, $5, $3, $2.50 and $1 gold pieces, and costing originally $55 gold a set at the mint, averaged $46.50 each, or $1.20 less than they would have brought at the current value of gold." Today the 1863 $2.50, the 1875 $1 and $3 would bring around $3000 for the three.

CARL WURTZBACH.

Lee, Mass., April 18, 1938.

ANNUAL TRI-STATE CONVENTION.

The ninth annual Tri-State Convention (New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania) will be held in Jamestown, N. Y., June 10, 11 and 12, at the Hotel Jamestown. There will be exhibits of rare coins, stamps, medals, Indian relics, manuscripts, firearms, early glassware and curios of every description. Two auction sales will be held on June 11, one of coins and one of stamps, and the annual banquet will be held on Saturday evening. The arrangements will be in charge of T. James Clarke, general chairman. These Tri-State Conventions have become a fixuture in the section covered and draw together many collectors of coins, stamps and other lines.

DIE VARIETIES OF INDIAN HEAD CENTS.

This may be of interest to other collectors, especially those interested in die varieties. Going over my Indian Heads, about 1700 of them, I noticed a number of different dies were used that can be seen without a glass. The difference is at the date. Take the year 1890 for instance. For that year I found five different dies.

No. 1 has the 1 of date almost touching tip of bust. No. 2 has the 1 a little lower, also a little farther back. No. 3, a little farther back, then No. 4 farther back, while No. 5 the 1 is almost in line with neck of bust. In all the cents of 1864 L I have seen the 1 of date is back a little from the tip of the bust. In the years 1883 and 1884 the 1 extends the farthest

beyond the tip of bust, while the years 1872 and 1873 the farthest back from the tip of bust.

I will list below the number of varieties I have found the dates being in various positions:

1859—Varieties 2
1860—Varieties 2
1861—Varieties 1
1862—Varieties 3
1863—Varieties 3
1864—Varieties 3
1865—Varieties 2
1866—Varieties 2
1867—Varieties 2
1868—Varieties 2
1869—Varieties 2
1870—Varieties 2
1871—Varieties 2
1872—Varieties 2
1873—Varieties 2
1874—Varieties 3
1875—Varieties 2
1876—Varieties 2
1877—Varieties 1
1878—Varieties 2
1879—Varieties 3
1880—Varieties 3
1881—Varieties 2
1882—Varieties 2
1883—Varieties 3
1884—Varieties 3
1885—Varieties 2
1886—Varieties 2
1887—Varieties 3
1888—Varieties 3
1889—Varieties 3
1890—Varieties 5
1891—Varieties 3
1892—Varieties 4
1893—Varieties 2
1894—Varieties 4
1895—Varieties 3
1896—Varieties 3
1897—Varieties 3
1898—Varieties 2
1899—Varieties 4
1900—Varieties 2
1901—Varieties 3
1902—Varieties 2
1903—Varieties 3
1904—Varieties 3
1905—Varieties 2
1906—Varieties 2
1907—Varieties 2
1908—Varieties 2
1908–S—Varieties ..1
1909—Varieties 1
1909–S—Varieties ..1

I have also noticed there are three different dies used in striking the 1934-P quarters. First one with the light motto, heavy date oval 0 in 9. Second one has heavy date and motto, oval 0 in 9. Third, heavy motto, light date round 0 in 9. The 1934-D there are two same as second and third of the P mint. The 1936-P quarters I have found four in about that many thousand that have extra thick, heavy, wide letters and date on obverse (1936). Reverse same as the rest of the Washington quarters.

B. T. PETERSON,
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Chicago, April 25.

The New Zealand Numismatic Society has decided to issue a medal to commemorate the centennial of New Zealand in 1940. The medal is to be on similar lines to the Waitangi-Bledisloe medal issued by the society in 1935, but there will be no limit to the number to be struck, and the medal will be available for purchase by the general public throughout New Zealand. It is hoped to secure symbolic and historic designs, and to make the medal an attractive and lasting recognition of the occasion.

BALTIMORE COLLEGE WANTS COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR.

To commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, a bill has been drafted for introduction in Congress to authorize an issue of half dollars. Dental schools throughout the country are said to be behind the movement. The Baltimore College of Dental Surgery was founded in 1840 and was the first dental school in the world. A celebration is planned for 1940 by the American Dental Association, whose membership numbers approximately 45,000.

COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR FOR LEIF ERICSSON.

The fact that Congress does not seem disposed to authorize any new issues of commemorative half dollars does not prevent the introduction of new bills for that purpose. The latest is one introduced by Senator Henrik Shipstead, of Minnesota, which would authorize the coinage of a half dollar in commemoration of the discovery of America by Lief Ericsson, which will be celebrated in Minneapolis and St. Paul in October, 1939.

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Miss Helen M. Wallis, Rochester, Pa.
Charles Haussmann, Pardubice, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia.
John L. Harvey, Wyalusing, Pa.

Lester W. Taylor, Ionia, Mo.
F. B. Stansbury, Philadelphia, Pa.
T. Benton Ten Broeck, Newburgh, N. Y.

Deaths Reported.

Gillard Croney, Wichita, Kan.

Changes of Address.

Henry C. Banner, from 336 Wayne Ave., Oakland, Cal., to 460 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal.

Hugo Landecker, from 25 Kearney St., San Francisco, Cal., to 210 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

Ben O. Anderson, from 827 8th Ave., Laurel, Miss., to 728 Lenox Rd., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Chas. H. Spencer, from The Buckingham, St. Augustine, Fla., to Hotel Del Prado, 53rd & Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Walter Strubinger ,from 1310 No. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., to 1308 No. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Frank Selmier, from Pass-A-Grille, Fla., to North Vernon, Ind.

Harold C. Dittman, from 1512 E. Marion St., Milwaukee, Wis., to 241 W. Morton St., St. Paul, Minn.

Thomas H. Finn, from 2648 E. 18th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., to 2109 Ave. J, Brooklyn, N. Y.

N. E. Heft, from 601 W. 177 St., New York, N. Y., to 34 Hillside Ave., New York, N. Y.

Laurance L. Clough, from McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, N. Y., to 280 Kenwood Ave., Elsmere, N. Y.

James De Graff, from Mountain Lake, Lake Wales, Fla., to East Hampton, L. I., New York.

Benjamin di Iorio, from 903 James St., Utica, N. Y., to 1024 Park Ave., Utica, N. Y.

Jack Nurin, from 66-97 Fresh Pond Rd., Ridgewood, L. I., N. Y., to 11820 Liberty Ave., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

Edgell R. Moore, from 374 Jenkins Ave., Columbus, Ohio, to 310 Woodrow Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Chas. W. Randolph, from 1065 Cliffdale Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, to 20 Richards Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

James G. Macallister, from 3400 N. 5th St., Philadelpia, Pa., to 1528 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Felix J. Polek, from 232 Fleet St., Rankin, Pa., to 219 Sixth St., Braddock, Pa.

H. E. Skoog, from Box 275, Smithfield, Va., to 1618 W. Grace St., Richmond, Va.

Wm. Foster, from 1875 Lampson Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, to 13618 Argus Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Charles E. Jacobs, from 41 Brondesbury Rd., London, N. W. 6, England, to 91 Brondesbury Rd., London, N. W. 6, England.

Albert A. Grinnell, from 2240 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich., to Highland Towers, 11 McLean Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

Lewis Leeds, from 342 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., to 10 E. 43rd St., Room 1003, New York, N. Y.

Henry Hunt, from Gibsonia, Pa., to 511 N. E. 62nd St., Miami, Fla.

E. T. Wallis, from 8820 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Cal., to 431 West 8th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Henry C. Banner, from 460 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal., to 3 Commonwealth St. Apt. 6, San Francisco, Cal.

Oscar J. Burnett, from 238 Kanekapolei Pl., Honolulu, T. H., to P. O. Box 2986, Honolulu, T. H.

Robert J. Paul, from 7 Park Ave., Delaware, Ohio, to 1670 Fifth St., Muskegon, Mich.

Harry A. Moody, from 4741 No. Karlov Ave., Chicago, Ill., to 2844 Addison St., Chicago, Ill.

E. Whitney Gailor, from 546 Third St., Niagara Falls, N. Y., to 1737 Whitney Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Herbert W. Walker, from R. F. D. No. 3, Warren, Ohio, to Box 324, Warren, Ohio.

P. K. Anderson, from 220 Jackson St., Seminole, Okla., to Apartado 35, Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, S. America.

Eugene Ellery, Jr., from care B. B. Robinson & Co., Los Angeles, Cal., to Room 1000, 621 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

M. V. Sheldon, from 611 Arlington Pl., Chicago, Ill., to 915 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Robert W. Robinson, from 161 W. 13th St., New York, to 313 E. Court St., Ithaca, N. Y.

Edgar G. Peters, from 14608 Woodworth Rd., E. Cleveland, Ohio, to 14219 Coit Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

W. C. Diamond, from 18 Erie St., Chicago, Ill., to 1005 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

W. V. Pattillo, from Hartzelle, Ala., to P. O. Box 207, Hartselle, Ala.

Miss M. L. Ashton, from 2510 Chester St., Alameda, Cal., to 2032 San Jose Ave., Alameda, Cal.

Charles F. O'Malley, from 228 Elm St., Rahway, N. J., to 346 Central Ave., Rahway, N. J.

Edward J. Devine, from 131 East Broad St., Falls Church, Va., to 3136 Oliver St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Arthur S. Butterworth, from 305 East 9th St., Tuscon, Ariz., to Bayley Ave., Plattville, Wis.

Willis L. Gordon, from 422 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, Cal., to P. O. Box 936, Santa Cruz, Cal.

Edward J. Welch, from 121 Haley St., Watertown, N. Y., to 62 Broad St., Plattsburg, N. Y.

William Landgraf, from 503 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., to 800 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

Thomas L. Elder, from 8 West 37th St., New York, N. Y., to Pleasantville, N. Y.

Fred Burnham, from 7918 Eberhart Ave., Chicago, Ill., to care Pershing Hotel, Cottage Grove Ave., at 64th St., Chicago, Ill.

F. Sherwood Boyd, from Oakshade Ave., Darien, Conn., to Branford, Conn.

John C. Beihl, from R. F. D. No. 36, Trenton, N. J., to R. F. D. No. 35, Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton, N. J.

Bernard Baer, from 5735 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill., to 5325 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

T. E. Pierce, from 7248 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Ill., to 7244 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Ill.

John A. Warner, from 878 Miller Ave., Columbus, Ohio, to 732 East Deshler Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Changes Affecting Club Secretaries.

Chicago Coin Club, M. Vernon Sheldon, Secretary, 915 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Coin Club of Rhode Island, Miss Susan L. Marsh, Secretary, Long Meadow, R. I.

Columbus Numismatic Society, John A. Warner, Secretary, 732 East Deshler Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Syracuse Numismatic Association, Frank O. Webster, Secretary, 338 West Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.

HARRY T. WILSON, Secretary.

NEW BEDFORD (MASS.) COIN CLUB FORMED.

Coin collectors in New Bedford and immediate vicinity have recently formed a club called the New Bedford Coin Club. The following officers have been elected:

President, Henry S. Knowles; vice-president, James A. Barlow; treasurer, Gilbert Green; secretary, Margaret C. Dunlap; librarian, Arthur J. Sylvia.

Recently the club had the pleasure of hearing Horace M. Grant, of Providence, R. I., give a very interesting talk on coins. He had on exhibition a large collection of proof and freak coins from many countries of the world.

Columbus Convention Of The A. N. A.

August 13 to 18

Elsewhere in this issue is published an outline of what will take place at the Columbus Convention of the A. N. A. next August, prepared by the Columbus Numismatic Society.

One of the features of the convention which should not be overlooked is that the gathering will mark the Golden Jubilee of the founding of The Numismatist by Dr. George F. Heath in 1888.

The convention committee of the Columbus Numismatic Society states that the program for the gathering will shortly be announced and that it will be published in the July issue of The Numismatist.

In the meantime it might be well to reread the announcement of the Columbus Society which appeared in our January issue. It is reprinted here for the benefit of our readers:

Columbus, Ohio, famous as a meeting place for more reasons than the fact that it is ideally situated geographically, will be host to the American Numismatic Association for its 1938 convention, for six days, starting August 13. The Columbus Numismatic Society is already making preparations to entertain the largest gathering in the Association's history with one of the most interesting programs.

The Neil House, headquarters for the convention, famous for its hospitality and the beauty of its modern equipment, is one of the best hotels in the Middle West. Columbus boasts of its hotel facilities and will take care of our visitors in excellent shape.

The newcomer to Columbus will find a modern city, situated along the Scioto and Olentangy river valleys. It possesses municipal utilities probably more highly developed than those of any other American city, and, like the great discoverer for which it is named, it has fortitude and courage, striving always for the best for its citizens and its visitors. It is the most American city in America, with a population of more than 340,000, ninety-five per cent. Americans born of American parents. The shops cater to this class of trade, thus carrying the highest type of merchandise, which, according to a survey of the Government this winter, is purchased at a lesser cost than any other city in the country.

The Columbus Civic Center, facing the Scioto river, is one of the most picturesque developments in the world. Buildings included in the group are the $6,000,000 State Office building, City Hall, Safety Building, A. I. U. Citadel, Postoffice and Federal Building, Columbus Auditorium and Central High School.

The Archaeological Museum, on North High Street, at the edge of the campus of Ohio State University, contains the finest and most extensive display of mound builder and prehistoric Indian relics in the United States.

Ohio's State House, in the center of the downtown district and opposite the Neil House, where the A. N. A. headquarters will be held during the convention, is considered the finest specimen of Grecian architecture in America.

Everyone is interested in Ohio State University. It is one of the nation's finest schools, situated at the northern edge of town. It has the second largest campus area, and is fifth in attendance records, compared with other universities of the country. Ohio State has established a record in the athletic world, a fact of which we are justly proud, and it is tops in the collegiate football field.

Among other points of interest in Columbus are the Columbus Art Gallery, on East Broad street; the Ohio penitentiary, built in 1813; Fort Hayes, regular U. S. Army headquarters; Port Columbus, which, according to the Colonel Lindbergh survey, is one of the finest in the country; Guldan Violin plant, the largest of its kind in America, and the 21-mile drive along the Scioto river to its famous O'Shaughnessy dam is surprisingly interesting and is comparable to many famous river drives.

You'll like Columbus. Not only is the city proud of its community and State interests, but it abounds in beautiful homes.

COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA IN 1492

The A. N. A. DISCOVERED COLUMBUS IN 1907

AND IS NOW PLANNING TO REDISCOVER IT IN 1938

Plans for the annual American Numismatic Association Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 13 to 18, 1938 are rapidly taking form and complete details will be announced in the July issue of The Numismatist.

Word received from various groups and individuals throughout the country are encouraging us to plan for approximately four hundred delegates to this convention.

Columbus is known as the "Convention City of the United States," and, being centrally located, is very accessible by all kinds of travel, including the best of automobile highways, trans-continental air lines and railroads.

The main shopping center, theater district and many places of amusement and interest to the visitor are all within walking distance of the convention headquarters, which will be the historic Neil House, opposite the State Capitol Building.

One of the features of the convention will be an auction sale of approximately 500 lots of extremely choice material, including gold, silver, and copper coins, paper money, foreign money and many rarities, all in choice condition.

A copy of the Souvenir Program and Auction Catalog will be mailed to all members of the Association in time for everyone to mark the date on their calendar and make plans to be in Columbus for the convention. Mail bids will also be received for the auction.

JOHN A. WARNER,
Secretary Columbus Numismatic Society.

A. N. A. CONVENTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

J. Henri Ripstra, President of the A. N. A., announces the appointment of the following committees for the Columbus Convention of the A. N. A., August 13 to 18, 1938:

Committee on Credentials—
E. H. Windau, 1565 E. Seventeenth St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Otto T. Sghia, 3314 Bouck Ave., Bronx, New York City.
Harry T. Wilson, 535 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Committee on Proxies—
Wm. J. Schultz, 419 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Ragnar L. Cederlund, 548 Provident Ave., Winnetka, Ill.
John A. Dawson, 1783 Coventry Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

Committee on Resolutions—
Moritz Wormser, 95 Fifth Ave., New York City.
T. W. Voetter, 1819 Sherman Ave., San Diego, Cal.
H. W. Walker, R. F. D. 3, Warren, Ohio.
G. J. Bauer, 1462 Culver Rd., Rochester, N. Y.
C. L. Berggren, 1828 Talmage Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Committee on Election—
Dr. J. M. Henderson, 511 Citizens' Bank Bldg., Columbus, Ohio.
Farran Zerbe, 14 E. 28th St., New York City.
T. James Clarke, 38 Charles St., Jamestown, N. Y.
Alden Scott Boyer, 2700 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Harley L. Freeman, 1432 E. 47th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Committee on Papers—
David M. Bullowa, 10 W. 86th St., New York City.
R. E. McLain, 414 Insurance Exchange Building, Des Moines, Iowa.
Frank C. Ross, 15 E. 62nd St., Kansas City, Mo.
Wm. G. Rayson, 659 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Norman B. Mason, 200 St. Helens Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Committee on Auditing and Finance—
Martin F. Kortjohn, 10 E. 40th St., New York City.
Walter P. Nichols, 212 W. Emerson St., Melrose, Mass.
Wm. H. Sternberg, 152 W. 42nd St., New York City.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—
Herbert W. Walker, R. F. D. 3, Warren, Ohio, chairman.

Committee on Showcases—
T. James Clarke, 38-40 Charles St., Jamestown, N. Y.
Farran Zerbe, 14 E. 28th St., New York City.
J. Henri Ripstra, 5 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A. N. A. OFFICERS.

Section 2 of Article IV of the By-Laws reads as follows:

"At least 90 days prior to a convention, the President shall issue a call in the official magazine for nominations for officers. Nominations for any office may be made by any member, or by a corporate member. All nominations shall be sent to the General Secretary, who shall immediately write the nominees, notifying them of their nomination and requesting their acceptance in writing. If the nominee does not accept the nomination in writing, such nomination shall not be placed upon the official ballot."

In accordance with the above, this shall be considered as the official call for nominations for the 1938 convention.

J. HENRI RIPSTRA, President.

Chicago, Ill., May 9, 1938.

PAPERS TO BE READ AT THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION.

Papers to be presented to the convention of the A. N. A. at Columbus, Ohio, August 13 to 18, next, are solicited. Members contemplating preparing papers should correspond with David M. Bullowa, chairman of the Committee on Papers, 10 West 86th street, New York City.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

Numismatists in general and members of the American Numismatic Association in particular know, without doubt, that there is only one accredited spelling for the word "Numismatics." It is equally true, on the other hand, that few people outside the realm of numismatics either pronounce or spell the word correctly.

Since the first of the current year the writer has recorded the many and various spellings of the word "numismatic" which have come to his attention through mail addressed to the Association. It is conceivable that some combinations of letters of the English alphabet could be prepared which do not show on this list, but we submit it for the record as it stands! Here are the words: write your own music:

Numatic	Numismaitic	Nomismatic	Numerismatic
Numisatic	Numisitic	Newmismatic	Numistic
Munisatic	Numasmatic	Amunistac	Numistatical
Munismatic	Numismutic	Numusmatic	Numismastic
Numesmatic	Nunisnatic	Nuismatic	Numismatical
Pneumatic	Numimatic	Numastic	Nunismetic

Each of these has been used to describe the middle name of the Association during the last few months, which is unbearable enough in itself, but the anti-climax occurs when such words are coupled with others equally illuminating. One is rather prompted to wish that we had been named the "National Coin Club" or some other such name after being deluged with letters addressed to:

American Numismatics Organization.
American Numatic Company.
American Numsimatic Society.
American Numesmatic Assacition.
American Numusmitic Associtaion.
American Numisitic & Company.
Americun Numismatic Associashun.
Numesmatic Assocaition.
American Coin Association.
American Nuerismatic Company Association.
Coin Company.
The Munsiatic Company.
Numismatics Association.

Postlude—To the Radio Stations of the United States: Try "Numismatic" at your next coast-to-coast hook-up spelling bee. We guarantee results!

W. S. DEWEY, Librarian.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., May 8.

Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs

(To keep the Directory up to date the editor relies upon the officials of the organizations listed to report promptly any changes in any of its features. There is no charge for listing, but new organizations must ask to be included and furnish the necessary information.)

DIRECTORY.

Albany Numismatic Society, Albany, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Thursdays (except during July and August), at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Willis J. McKinney, Secretary, 62 Sycamore St., Albany, N. Y.

American Numismatic Association—Meets annually in convention. Harry T. Wilson, Secretary, 535 N. Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

American Numismatic Society, New York City—Meets four times annually at its building, Broadway at 156th Street. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary.

Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal—Meets monthly at Chateau de Ramezay. L. A. Renaud, Curator, Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal, Canada.

Ames Numismatic Society, Ames, Iowa—Meets first Wednesday each month in Room 223 of the Memorial Union on the Iowa State College Campus. Lewis K. Ferguson, Secretary, Camp S-103, Ames, Iowa.

Atlanta Coin Club, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets first and third Wednesdays at the Hotel Henry Grady. E. P. Morgan, Secretary, 468 Moreland Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Baltimore Coin Club—Meets first and third Thursdays at Peale's Municipal Museum, 225 N. Holliday street. George Requard, Secretary, 5907 Harford Road, Baltimore, Md.

Boston Numismatic Society, Boston, Mass.—Meeting, with dinner, last Monday of each month (summer excepted) at Boston City Club. Saul Steinberg, M. D., Secretary, 11 Temple St., Boston, Mass.

Bronx (N. Y.) Coin Club—Meets fourth Wednesday of each month at East 148th Street Restaurant, just west of Third Ave., Bronx, New York City. Martin F. Kortjohn, Secretary, 10 East Fortieth St., New York City.

Brooklyn Coin Club, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at Hotel Touraine, 23 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Max M. Schwartz, Secretary, 152 West 42nd St., New York City.

Buffalo Numismatic Association, Buffalo, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Mondays at Central Y M. C. A. H. M. Myers, Secretary, 106 Fernhill Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

California Coin Club, Los Angeles, Cal.—Meets first Tuesday evening of each month. L. E. Bailey, Secretary, 2231 Midvale Ave., West Los Angeles, Cal.

Canadian Numismatic Art Society, Winnipeg, Man.—Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the board rooms of the Free Press Building, Carlton St., Winnipeg. Walter Sidloski, Secretary, 381 Harbison Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Chase Bank Coin Society, New York City—Meets third Thursday of each month. Vernon L. Brown, Secretary, Chase National Bank, New York, N. Y.

Chautauqua Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, Jamestown, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Hotel Jamestown. C. B. Sampson, Secretary, R. F. D. 1, Jamestown, N. Y.

Chicago Coin Club, Chicago, Ill.—Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Atlantic Hotel. Merrill V. Sheldon, Secretary, 611 Arlington Place, Chicago, Ill.

Cincinnati Numismatic Association—Meets second Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock P. M., Netherland Plaza Hotel. Chas. H. Thul, Secretary, 2631 Hemlock St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Coin Club of Rhode Island—Meets second Wednesday of each month at Wayland Manor Hotel, Providence, R. I. Miss Susan L. Marsh, Secretary, Wayland Manor Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Columbus Numismatic Society, Columbus, Ohio—Meets second Monday evening of each month at the Neil House. John A. Warner, Secretary, 732 Deshler Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Cornbelt Coin Club, Waterloo, Iowa—Meets first Friday of each month at Cohagen Cabin at the "Y," Waterloo, Iowa. Lloyd G. Rogers, president, 1425 Williston Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Cortland Coin Club, Cortland, N. Y.—Meets first Thursday of each month at Hotel Cortland. Mrs. Ruth Webb, Secretary, 25 Prospect Terrace, Cortland, N. Y.

Dallas Coin Club, Dallas, Texas—Meets second Thursday night of each month in the Baker Hotel. C. A. McGlamery, Secretary, 710 S. Waverly Dr., Dallas, Tex.

Dayton Coin Club, Dayton, Ohio—Meets last Monday of each month at the Central Y. M. C. A., 117 West Monument Ave. Luther H. Whitt, Secretary, 2015 Smithville Rd., Dayton, Ohio.

Des Moines Coin Club, Des Moines, Iowa—Meets first week of the month, place and date announced one month in advance of each meeting. R. M. Janda, Secretary, 2732 Mondamin Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Detroit Coin Club, Detroit, Mich.—Meets first and third Thursdays at the Detroit-Leland Hotel, Cass and Bagley Avenues. Stefan L. von Skowronski, Secretary, 16811 Asbury Park, Detroit, Mich.

Fairfield County Numismatic Association, Bridgeport, Conn.—Meets third Friday of each month at Bridgeport Art League, 528 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. J. Norman Crosby, Secretary, P. O. Box 565, Bridgeport, Conn.

Hartford Numismatic Society, Hartford, Conn.—Meets third Wednesday of each month at the Hartford Women's Club, 175 Broad St., Hartford, Conn. Eric H. Lind, Secretary, Box 93, Willimantic, Conn.

Heart of America Numismatic Association, Kansas City, Mo.—Meets second Monday of each month at Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City. Frank C. Ross, Secretary, 15 East 62d St., Kansas City, Mo.

International Emergency Money Club, New York City—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 33 West 69th St., New York City. Walter S. Child, Secretary, 509 Madison Ave., New York City

Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, Cal.—Meets third Friday of each month at San Francisco Museum of Art, Civic Center, 7.30 P. M. Roy Hill, Counselor, 569 Mission St., San Francisco, Cal. Marshall Taft, Secretary, 465 Third Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

Lehigh Valley Coin Club, Palmerton, Pa.—Meets monthly at the call of the president. Arthur J. Smith, Secretary, 581 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton, Pa.

Madison Coin Club, Madison, Wis.—Meets first Monday of each month at the Dane County Courthouse, 207 West Main Street. Ray H. Rinden, Secretary, 935 Williamson Street, Madison, Wis.

Memphis Coin Club, Memphis, Tenn.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 826 Dermon Bldg., corner of Third and Court Streets. A. W. Bradley, Secretary, P. O. Box 1484, Memphis, Tenn.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Milwaukee, Wis.—Meets last Friday in each month at the Phister Hotel. Harry Collura, Secretary, 1527 N. Jefferson St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Missouri Numismatic Society, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets second Monday of each month at Melbourne Hotel, Grand and Lindell Blvds., St. Louis, Mo. Eric P. Newman, Secretary, 1930 Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

New Castle Coin Club, New Castle, Pa.—Meets first and third Monday of each month in the Pennsylvania Power Company Building. John P. Boyles, Secretary, 318 E. Lincoln Ave., New Castle, Pa.

New Haven Numismatic Society, New Haven, Conn.—Meets last Friday of the month at 280 Elm St., New Haven, Conn. W. C. Sanders, Secretary, 608 Dixwell Ave., New Haven, Conn.

New Jersey Numismatic Society—Meets second Thursday of each month at Downtown Club, 744 Broad St., Newark, N. J. A. G. Bungenstock, Secretary, 822 Springfield Ave., Cranford, N. J.

New York Numismatic Club, New York City—Meets second Friday of each month. F. C. C. Boyd, Secretary, 237 East 20th St., New York City.

Northampton Numismatic Society, Northampton, Mass.—Meets fourth Wednesday of each month at Y. M. C. A. Building. Myron J. Parsons, Secretary, 270 Pleasant St., Northampton, Mass.

Northwest Coin Club—Meets first Thursday of each month at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, and the third Thursday of each month at the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. W. T. Hartman, Secretary, 4416 46th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Omaha Coin Club, Omaha, Neb.—Meets first Friday evening of each month at Omaha City Hall. Paul M. Enger, Secretary, 2111 Chicago St., Omaha, Neb.

Oregon Numismatic Society, Portland, Ore.—Meets second Monday night of the month at Benson Hotel. J. V. LaMore, Secretary, P. O. Box 5608, Kenton Station, Portland, Ore.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets last Wednesday of each month at Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. Harvey L. Hansen, Secretary, 729 Pacific Ave., Apt. D, Alameda, Cal.

Philadelphia Coin Club, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets second Thursday of each month at the Central Y. M. C. A., Broad and Arch Sts. George J. Patterson, Secretary, P. O. Box 4856, Central Y. M. C. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

Pitsburgh Coin Club—Meets first Thursday of each month in the Downtown Y. M. C. A. Building, Third Ave. and Wood St. Howard Gibbs, Jr., Secretary, 1400 Belasco Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rochester Numismatic Society, Rochester, Minn.—Meets first Monday of each month in Chamber of Commerce Building. S. W. Anderson, Secretary, 305½ S. Broadway, Rochester, Minn.

Rochester Numismatic Association, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets first and third Tuesday at Municipal Museum. Wm. A. Elston, Secretary, 184 Seville Drive, Rochester, N. Y.

Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society, Denver, Col.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month, unless otherwise ordered, at homes of individual members as selected. Jacob G. Willson, Secretary-Treasurer, Room 15, State Capitol, Denver, Col.

San Diego Numismatic Society, San Diego, Cal.—Meets second Monday of each month in the Assembly Hall of the Electric Building. Thomas W. Voetter, Secretary, 1819 Sheridan Ave., San Diego, Cal.

St. Louis Numismatic Society, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets monthly at Washington University. T. E. Duncan, Secretary, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

St. Paul Numismatic Association, St. Paul, Minn.—Meets first Tuesdays at 703 Pioneer Building. Paul C. Buetow, Secretary, 114 E. Fourth St., St. Paul, Minn.

Seattle Coin Club, Seattle, Wash.—Meets the last Thursday of the month at 4460 Stuart Building, Seattle. C. C. Saeman, Secretary, 11748 Sand Point Way, Seattle, Wash.

Springfield Coin Club, Springfield, Mass.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at the Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield. William W. Willard, Secretary, 94 Warren Terrace, Longmeadow, Mass.

Stark Coin Club, Canton, Ohio—Meets first and third Fridays of each month in the Canton Public Library. Dr. H. L. Dell, Secretary, Box 565, Canton, Ohio.

Syracuse Numismatic Association, Syracuse, N. Y.—Meets first Tuesday of each month at the Onondaga Hotel. Frank O. Webster, 338 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Tennessee Coin Club, Nashville, Tenn.—Meets first and third Mondays of each month. Floyd L. Martin, Secretary, 800 Warner Building, Nashville, Tenn.

The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets six times a year. January, February, March, April, November and December. Henry Paul Busch, Secretary, 1006 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Toledo Coin Club, Toledo, Ohio—Meets second and fourth Mondays of each month. S. L. Szyperski, Secretary, 222 Austin St., Toledo, Ohio.

Trumbull Coin, Stamp and Curio Club, Warren, Ohio—Fred W. Beck, Secretary, 454 Washington St. N. E., Warren, Ohio.

Utica Coin Club, Utica, N. Y.—Meets first and third Tuesdays of each month at 249 Genesee St. F. Harrington, Secretary, 249 Genesee St., Utica. N. Y.

Waterbury Coin Club, Waterbury, Conn.—Meets second and fourth Tuesday at Mattatuck Historical Society, 119 West Main St. Arnold B. Grasso, Secretary, 81 Charles St., Waterbury, Conn.

Washington Numismatic Society, Washington, D. C.—Meets first Monday of each month at Hotel Washington. Frederic E. Hodge, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, 136 Bryant St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Westchester County (N. Y.) Coin Club—Meets third Tuesday of each month at the Y. M. C. A. in New Rochelle, N. Y. Saul Bellus, Secretary, 559 S. Tenth Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society—Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh. A. C. Gies, Secretary, 6260 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Western Reserve Numismatic Club, Cleveland, Ohio—Meets second Wednesday of each month at the Allerton Hotel. Ray D. Walston, Secretary, 3276 De Sota Ave., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Youngstown Numismatic Club, Youngstown, Ohio—Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Home Saving and Loan Bldg., basement corner Federal and Chestnut Streets. A. F. Smith, Secretary, 57 Brooklyn Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

Notice To Local Societies and Secretaries.

With between 60 and 70 local numismatic clubs and societies throughout the United States, most of which send us reports of their meetings for publication in The Numismatist, it has become a problem to do this without devoting a good part of each issue to such reports. Opinion is divided as to the value of such reports, but we believe with a considerable majority in favor of continuing the publication of them in a more abbreviated form than we have been doing. It should be understood that the purpose of these reports is to let other clubs and readers know just what your club is doing. In most cases this can be done by publishing an abridged report—one with less detail than is given by the local secretary in his minutes for home consumption. In all cases the interest of such reports depends upon their news value. After a lapse of several weeks none of the reports are news.

To conserve space and encourage the prompt sending of reports by local secretaries, only the report of the latest meeting can be published where the club holds but one meeting a month. Where a club holds two meetings a month, the two latest reports will be published. But in all cases copy must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue. The right is reserved to abridge all reports.

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB—353rd meeting, May 13th, Arthur W. Deas, president, presiding. Twenty-seven members and one guest were present.

The topics for the evening were "Coins of the Republic of Austria, Decorations of Austria-Hungary, and Complete Sheets of Paper Money."

Mr. Boyd then spoke about our member George H. Blake, who on May 12th had reached the age of fourscore years. Mr. Blake was elected to membership in the New York Numismatic Club 29 years and 62 days ago. In view of Mr. Blake's numismatic activities over a long period of years, and his activity in arousing the enthusiasm of collectors in United States paper money, a signal honor was bestowed upon Mr. Blake in the form of an honorary membership in the New York Numismatic Club. Since the incorporation of our club only three men have been so honored: H. M. Victor Emanuel III, King of Italy; Archer M. Huntington, and William Jerrems, Jr. Mr. Boyd then made a motion that Mr. Blake be elected the fourth honorary member of the club. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade, and by a rising vote, Mr. Blake was elected an Honorary Member.

Under the topics of the evening, the following exhibits were made:

Moritz Wormser: Austrian Republic: Gold, 2 100-schilling pieces, 2 25-schilling pieces, 1 20-kronen piece; nickel 1 schilling, Silver 5 schilling, New Issues: Italy, 100 Lire, reduced size; Papacy 100 Lire, reduced size; Bulgaria, 50 stotinki; New Guinea, 1938 penny; Dunbar National Bank, sheet of four $5 bills.

W. L. Clark: New acquisitions; Three medals.

J. M. Wade: Sundry uncut and reconstructed sheets of paper money; United States certificates of the several Treasury and silver series between 1862 and 1935.

Lt.-Commander Leonard Kaplan: 1938 Proof Set, U. S., 50c., 25c., 10c., 1c.

W. H. Arthur: Small collection of Washington pieces, including a 1795 Liberty and Security Penny struck in brass and probably unique.

T. Hentgen: Six Royal Austrian Decorations in gold and three in silver.

D. M. Bullowa: 1928-1937 set of 10 commemoratives of the Austrian Republic—Schubert, Bilbroth, Vogelweide, Mozart, Haydn and Seipel with shield obverse, and Dollfuss, Lueger, Prince Eugene and St. Charles Church with eagle obverse.

E. T. Newell: Six tetradrachms of the so-called Pannonian League and four of the drachms coined during the last half of the first century B. C.

J. Barnet: Sheet of 5c. Second Issue, plain back, and sheet of same with back surcharged; sheet of 10c. Second Issue, plain back.

F. Zerbe: Various sheets of private and State bank notes, Colonials, and United States Government notes, including sheets No. 1, $5, $10 and $20 Nationals.

J. Guttag: Full sheets of fractional notes of 1862 and sheets of broken bank notes.

G. H. Blake: 63 Sheets of various types of U. S. legal-tender paper money.

R. A. Barry: Photo of New Dominican Republic issue of half-peso, 25 centavos and 10 centavos in silver, 5 centavos in nickel and 1 centavo in copper, dated 1937. The coins are being minted at Ottawa and transshipped to Dominica by the Royal Bank of Canada. This is the first issue of this country in the twentieth century.

O. T. Sghia: Type collection coins of Austrian Republic.

T. F. Morris: Mr. Morris read a paper on the formation and early history of Continental Bank Note Company, as well as historical data pertaining to the production in 1863 of the first national bank notes, from the diary of Touro Robertson, one of the company's founders. The paper will be printed in detail in a later issue of The Numismatist. Mr. Morris supplemented his talk by exhibiting many beautiful notes produced by the Continental Bank Note Co. during that early period.

F. C. C. Boyd: Complete sheets of broken bank bills of United States and Canada, and also a complete sheet of 25c. Canadian fractional notes.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Morris for his very interesting exhibit and paper.

The Executive Committee suggested as the topic for the June meeting, United States Half Dollars from 1892 to date; United States Pattern and Trial Pieces in Metals other than issued; Odd Denomination Notes, and a continuation of the Decorations of Austria Hungary. This was adopted.

The Membership Committee reported favorably on the application of Oscar S. Schilke, Waterbury, Conn., and he was elected to membership, and submitted the applications of Stanley DeForest Scott, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and the application of Mrs. Helen L. Boyd (F. C. C. Boyd).

The usual procedure was waived with reference to the election to membership of Mrs. F. C. C. Boyd. Mrs. Boyd was elected by acclamation. Stanley DeForest Scott's application will be acted upon at the next meeting.

THE BRONX COIN CLUB—Fifty-sixth meeting, April 27th, President Sghia presiding. Twenty-seven members and eight guests were present.

A paper written on the subject of Commodus was read by Mr. Stein. Charles Wormser then read a paper on the coinage of Montenegro. Mr. Morgenthau read an interesting and amusing description of his numismatic travels during the past three months in the sunny South.

Mr. Ripstra made some brief remarks on the benefits of having a hobby and told of a few of the things he had done since his arrival in New York. Mr. Clark then invited all members to take advantage of the preview of the exhibition arranged by the American Numismatic Society for the bi-millenium of Augustus. Mr. Barry followed this by telling the latest numismatic news. Mr. Schilke told of the progress of numismatics in Connecticut and of the recently held Connecticut State Society annual dinner, additional news on this being given by Mr. Stein. Mr. Reagan advised that the Brooklyn Coin Club was willing to cooperate with the other local coin clubs in entertaining the A. N. A. in New York should it decide to hold its convention here in 1939.

A motion was unanimously carried that The Bronx Coin Club join in the invitation to the American Numismatic Association to have its convention in New York in 1939 and to collaborate with the New York Numismatic Club and the other local clubs in entertaining the members of the American Numismatic Association.

Topics for the meeting were the U. S. dimes from 1860 to 1891, coins and decorations of countries beginning with the letter M, except Mexico, and coins of Domitian and Commodus. Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Arthur: Dimes of 1860, 1861, 1882 to 1886; Lafayette dollar, cents of 1803 and 1814 and Confederate restrike half dollar.

Mr. Bullowa: ½, 1 and 2 francs of Monaco, ½ rupee of Mombasa, 4 tari of Malta, 2 perpera and 2 para of Montenegro, and Austrian plaque of Francis Joseph by Stiasby.

Mr. Clark: Nine dollars of the world and three 1939 World's Fair tokens.

Mr. Carpenter: Five pattern halfpennies of George III, two pattern pennies, including one with helmeted head, Droz pattern shilling of 1787 with king's cipher on reverse, plain-edged proof pattern shilling of 1787.

Mr. Dewey: Official Congressional Manila Bay medal issued to William Mathewson, an apprentice on Dewey's flagship Olympia.

Mr. Engel; Fifteen dimes from 1860 to 1891.

Mr. Hentgen: Mecklenburg Order of the Crown, and the World War Cross, first and second class; Madagascar Service badge, Montengro World War medal; rare scrap book of German decorations in color with descriptions.

Mr. Kortjohn: Fifty dimes from 1860 to 1891 including 1872-CC, 1884-S and 1885-S; coins of Mauritius and Morocco.

Mr. Kusterer: Cents of 1793: 3C, 6F, 12L and 13L.

Mr. Morgenthau: Sixty miscellaneous numismatic items.

Mr. Polak: Life-saving medal for rescue from drowning in 1918, three New York State marksman's medals, half anam of Mysore.

Mr. Pukall: Coins of Milan, Monaco, Montreal, Malta and Mombasa; uncirculated and proof sets of dimes from 1860 to 1891.

Mr. Ripstra: Winged victory plaque.

Mr. Roth: 1938 proof set, including D mint uncirculated nickel.

Mr. Schilke: First year of issue of following gold coins: Dollar, quarter eagle, three dollars, half eagle and eagle.

Mr. Schmidt: Copper and nickel coins of countries beginning with letter M.

Mr. Sghia: 21 proof dimes 1861 to 1892; four bronzes of Domitian; 35 coins of 22 countries beginning with the letter M.

Mr. Stack: Platinum rubles, pattern twopence, pennies and halfpennies, patterns and regular issues of countries beginning with the letter M.

Mr. Stein: Coins of Commodus, including the Victoria Brittanica and several Hercules Romano Augustus types.

Mr. Van der Meer: Five coins of Maestricht and nine coins of Middleburg.

Mr. Van Vorst: Complete set of proof dimes from 1858 to 1915.

Charles Wormser: Coins of Montenegro: Two varieties of 20 perpera, two varieties of 10 perpera, 5 perpera, 2 perpera, 1 perpera, 2 para and 1 para.

Moritz Wormser: New issues: 1 lire of Turkey, 1938 Australian penny, 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos of Uruguay; wedding issues of Egypt, and 1 and 2 francs of Albania for 25 years of independence.

The topics for the May meeting will be the dimes from 1892 to 1916, coins and decorations of countries beginning with the letter N, and coins of Pertinax, Clodius Albinus, Didius Julianus and Pescennius Niger. Papers will be read by Messrs. Stein and Hentgen. The topic for special discussion will be "Should a collector speculate in coins?"

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB—The fourth anniversary dinner of the club was held on April 19 at the Gramatan, Bronxville, N. Y. President Carpenter presided over a gathering of 26 members and 25 guests.

President Carpenter commended the members and officers on their splendid work and cooperation.

Announcement was made of the coming dinner of the Connecticut Numismatic Society to be held at the Copper Bowl, on April 21.

Mr. Dewey reported that the New Rochelle Coin and Celebration Committee has appropriated $300 to be used as a fund for the striking of a club medal. This was referred to the medallic art committee to secure the necessary information connected with the striking of this medal.

A fine turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. Mr. Deas was then called upon to act as master of ceremonies.

The first to be called upon was Mr. Guttag, founder of the club, who gave a brief talk on one of Farran Zerbe's pamphlets which he acquired a good many years ago. At the conclusion of his talk he presented it to the author.

Farran Zerbe was then introduced and gave a short talk on some of the highlights during his early numismatic years.

Mr. Deas then called upon Moritz Wormser, who addressed the gathering in his usual humorous manner.

T. James Clarke, making his second visit to our club, was then introduced and spoke briefly on the coming dinner of the Albany Numismatic Society.

The honor guest of the evening, J. Henri Ripstra, was then presented and gave a lengthy talk. His talk was very interesting. Being a stamp collector as well as a numismatist, he spoke briefly on the subject of philately. He praised the late Mr. Wernstrom for his untiring efforts in forming the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco. In concluding he praised the parents of our mascot, Jos. Lasser, and Joe himself who were seated directly in front of him.

Exhibits were then explained and placed upon a large table having three small flood lamps.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Carpenter: 1794 dollar; 1796, 1797 half dollar; 1907 St. Gaudens $10 gold with period; 1652 Pine Tree shilling.

Mr. Deas: 12 Washington medals in silver issued from U. S. Mint.

Mr. Stanley Scott: Various types and denominations in gold of Queen Elizabeth, James I and Philip IV of Spain.

Mr. Schilke: Complete 1877 U. S. proof set.

Mr. Morgenthau: Set wooden nickels, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Lincoln placque made from old Treasury paper money; Australia threepence, 1938.

Mr. Guttag: Three Howland Wood medals, membership card in A. N. A., Howland Wood, Secretary.

Mr. Brooke: Charles I, half crown, 1651, shilling 1658, siege shillings of Newarke Castle, Pontefract, Ormonde.

Mr. Ray Carpenter: Crowns and coppers pattern pieces of George III.

Mr. Regan: 20 Roman coins, illustrating different denominations.

Mr. Stack: $50 slug, $4 Stella, ¼ fanam of India.

Mr. Stein; Shekel of Israel, tetradrachm of Philataerus, Pine Tree shilling.

Mr. Kortjohn: King George VI coronation set.

Mr. Rippner: Various First National Bank notes; photographs of first charter period National Bank notes $1-$1000; Victoria medal, and Government pattern of international $10.

Mr. Wormser: Sweden, John III, 1569-92, coronation set, double taler, quadruple taler, kronegulden, ½ portugaloeser and portugaloeser.

Mr. Lighte: U. S. $10 note, series of 1869, Allison and Spinner, National Bank of Commerce, N. Y.; $10 note, series of 1882, J. Pierpont Morgan; Federal Reserve $10 note act of 1913.

Mr. Dewey: Official Manila Bay medal, man-made freak cents.

Mrs. Dewey: 5 sen Meiji period, 1872 (Japan); 1800 copper coin, Cambodia Batenbong; ½ paissa, Mysore, India; cent, Tasmania; Farran Zerbe lucky cent.

Mr. Ehrenburg: 1936 proof set; crowns of England, New Zealand, Australia; 20 piasters, Egypt; Augustus Francis Westchia thaler, 1748.

Mr. Root: Cunard commemorative medal; Delaware Tercentenary medal; Stony Point Congressional medal awarded to Col. De Fleury; copy of medal awarded to Washington, Siege of Boston; Rockefellow medal; reproduction of John Egar Howard medal; Connecticut Tercentenary medal; Peter Stuyvesant medal.

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—April 14. In the absence of the president the vice-president, Vernon L. Brown presided. Nineteen members and two guests were present.

E. F. Witzel and Charles Wormser were elected to membership. Ralph R. Layte was proposed for membership.

Various items of Numismatic interest were read by Mr. Wade.

W. R. Carpenter was selected to represent the New Jersey Numismatic Society at the anniversary dinner of the Westchester Coin Club, April 19.

The New Jersey Society voted to extend an invitation, in conjunction with the other coin clubs of the metropolitan area, to invite the A. N. A. Convention to New York City in 1939. President Blaisdell will appoint a Committee of three to work in conjunction with the other clubs in this matter.

It was agreed that an open meeting be held in October to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Club. A Committee of three was appointed, with Mr. Nettleship as cairman, and Messrs. Wade and Beach as the other two members to make arrangements for this meeting.

The subject for the next meeting will be United States Pattern Coins and Thomas Jefferson and Numismatics.

W. R. Carpenter concluded his talk on the British Crown series and this section of his talk included the crowns struck during the reign of Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI.

Mr. Capstick talked on the British medals issued during this same period, and both talks were illustrated with exhibits of coins and medals.

The exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Wormser: Two medals, one commemorating the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the United States in 1902 and the other to commemorate the opening of the German submarine warfare in 1915.

Mr. Husker: Four piastres of Egypt, minted in 1937, in the twenty, ten, five and two denominations; a twenty-kronen piece of Czechoslovakia and one-lira piece of Turkey.

Mr. Nettleship: An Afghanistan general service medal of 1878 with ribbon; a pattern ten-cent piece "exchanged for United States notes postage currency," A.-W. 381; $5 gold piece of 1839; Norris, Gregg and Norris, in proof.

Mr. Barnet: A 1793 cent, vine and bars; a 1799 over 98 cent; $5 A. Bechtler proof, restrike; 1907 double eagle, Roman date, wire edge; gold medalet of Lincoln and Garfield; four escudos of Charles III, 1786, and four escudos of Ferdinand VII, 1819.

Mr. Beach: An uncirculated 20,000 reis piece of Brazil, 1726, and a collection of thirty broken-bank bills of New Jersey and Maryland.

Mr. Wade: A collection of Hard Times tokens and store cards.

Mr. May: Broad double taler of Brunswick Luneburg, 1680, with bust of Ernest August, 1655-98.

Mr. Brown: Rubber check of Hood River, Oregon, and one, two and five wooden nickels, 1938 sesquicentennial anniversary of West Newton, Pa.

Mr. Hines stated that since it was the 73rd anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln, he had for exhibit a small gold case containing a lock of President Lincoln's hair which was detached by the surgeon attending him at the time of the assassination. He also exhibited a cancelled check of John Wilkes Booth. He stated that he had that afternoon talked with a woman who lives in Newark, and is at the present time 98 years old, who was present at the theater the night Lincoln was assassinated.

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—May 16, fifty-sixth meeting. Twenty-three members and two guests were present.

Mr. Ralph R. Layte was elected to membership.

This being the 80th birthday of our esteemed friend and member George H. Blake, the society presented him with a birthday cake and an appropriate gift.

President Blaisdell appointed Messrs. Wade, Wormser and Blaisdell as a committee to aid in securing the 1939 A. N. A. Convention for New York City.

The Membership Committee now consists of Messrs. Wade and Nettleship, and, by appointment of the President, Mr. Goldsmith was added to this committee.

Mr. Goldsmith read a paper on pattern coins of the United States, and his talk was illustrated by a number of specimens. A round-table discussion then ensued at which the topic was Thomas Jefferson and Numismatics and the members spoke briefly on this subject, displaying at the same time their exhibits which were as follows:

Mr. Wade: $10 Compound Interest Treasury note; Four First Charter Period national bank notes, various denominations; $5 note Third Charter Period bill, No. 1.

Mr. Hicks: Pattern coins, 1854 Liberty Head cent, 1855 Flying Eagle cent, 1858 Indian Head cent, 1861 Liberty Seated quarter, copper.

Mr. Husker: 1937 South African proof set; 1937 Southern Rhodesia proof set.

Mr. Wormser: 100, 50, 25 peseta notes El Banco de Espana.

Mr. Simms: United States pattern $10 Gold 1862; German 1 mark proof 1910; $50 Augustus Humbert Slug 1851.

Mr. Witzel: 1 Billion mark coin 1923, Germany.

Mr. Dalley: California octagonal gold dollar 1852; Pine Tree sixpence; Fugio cent.

Mr. Nettleship: Pattern A.-W. 381, proposed 10-cent piece of 1863 to be exchanged for fractional currency; Jefferson medal issued to members of

the United States Assay Commission in 1937; Postage currency (first issue) 50c. and 25c., perforate and imperforate; $2 legal tenders (large and small) and $2 Federal Reserve Bank note.

Mr. Barnet: 22 Pattern pieces in various metals; two United States store cards of Newark, N. J.; Panama-Pacific set.

Mr. Blake: Patterns in copper: 1883 Trade Dollar, 1884 Trade Dollar, 1884 $20 Gold, Not in Adams-Woodin, 1880 Stella; 1860 $20 Clark, Gruber & Co.

Mr. Beach: Proof Set, 5 silver, 1 copper coins of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) King Menelek, the rare variety executed by LaGrange at the Paris mint; 5-franc silver coin of Iles Comores, a French Protectorate near Madagascar.

Mr. Rosenberg: A number of bronze medals of the Presidents and noted Americans.

Mr. Goldsmith: Various pattern coins.

Mr. May: $5, $10 and $20 notes of the Monticello Bank of Charlottesville, Va., dated late in 1860, each showing a vignette of Thomas Jefferson; Thomas Jefferson Presidential medal in red copper; Thomas Jefferson copper medal by Lovett.

The topic for the next meeting will be Colonial Coins and Fractional Currency.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB—231st meeting, May 4th, William G. Rayson, president, presiding before seventy-eight members and guests.

Mr. Ellery's letter, from Los Angeles, was read explaining the connection of business at the branch location and affairs of collecting and collectors there in Los Angeles. B. Max Mehl's letter was read extending his regards and friendship to the Club in reply to our's of recent date.

A letter was read from the Oregon Trail Memorial Association thanking the club for the contribution and interest it had extended to that association. To the librarian was turned over the association's booklet, "America's Historical Opportunity," sent as descriptive matter on how that body is using the funds derived from the sale of Oregon Trail Half Dollars.

Mr. Sheldon reported arrangements for the coming May 21st annual banquet, which will be held in the Atlantic Hotel. Efforts are being made to have Edward T. Newell, president of the A. N. S. of New York City, as guest speaker for that occasion. Dr. O. S. Seller has been tentatively engaged as an alternate speaker.

Mr. Rayson reported the recent visit to the Milwaukee Numismatic Society by R. E. Davis, M. Vernon Sheldon and himself, and that this club had made application to become a corporate member of the Milwaukee Club.

Mr. Stevens had read before the club an article describing in biblical meter how the greenbacks of the Civil War came to be issued by a revelation to Lincoln when the question of financing the Civil War was up. The subject was much enjoyed and will be printed in the next bulletin issue.

Mr. Rayson read a paper entitled "The Inscriptions on Coins," which dealt with the early English coinage in particular and bore religious inscriptions in Latin. His paper was interesting and treated numismatics from a somewhat different angle.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Davis: Twelve Wisconsin trade tokens and store cards.

Mr. Rayson: Gold pieces of the reigns of Henry IV and VII, Elizabeth and James II along with eight crowns of various reigns showing interesting inscriptions which supplemented the paper read.

Mr. Hewitt: Photographs of the obverse and reverse of model for the new Jefferson five-cent piece which were obtained from the sculptor.

Mr. Barger: Complete collection of half dimes from 1795 to 1873, inclusive, lacking only the 1796, 1802 and 1805 pieces, mostly in uncirculated condition; U. S. silver certificates of 1896, $1, $2 and $5 denominations, crisp condition.

Mr. Sincere: Shield of specimen fractional currency notes. This shield was purchased in a Berlin (Germany) antique shop for $25 U. S. and brought to the United States, where the custom authorities held it up for duty. Upon protest, they explained the duty of $25 was not on the currency but on the frame. All this took place before Mr. Sincere became a member of a numismatic society.

Mr. Owesen: ½ daler copper plate, one daler and four daler Swedish plate money.

Mr. Ripstra: Medals he recently obtained while in the East visiting numismatic clubs and societies. One he explained Mr. Bullowa gave him as an exhibit to avoid paying a penalty for attending a club where a quarter must be paid for not bringing an exhibit. This medal portrays the winged victory of Samothrace.

Dr. Reich: Roman bronzes commemorating the 1000th anniversary of the foundation of Rome (in 248 A. D.); Emperors Philippus I, Philippus II and Empress Otacilia Severa.

Mr. Burnham: Half dollars of 1803, 1815, 1836, 1874-S, 1900-S and 1916-D, on the obverse, in uncirculated condition.

Dr. Skeen: Uncut sheet of LaPorte & Plymouth, Indiana, Plank Road Co., 1857, bank notes of $1 to $10 denomination, fully signed and countersigned. The story goes that the plank road was all but 150 yards completed by the issuance of these bills, which lacked metallic backing, and that none were ever redeemed.

Mr. Lanum: Eighteen and three-quarter cent bill drawn on the city of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Boyer: Having listened to the story of paying $50 for the fractional currency shield from Berlin, Mr. Boyer, stated that only this week one was sold in a book auction in Chicago for $6 in perfect condition.

Mr. Kionka, of New York City, and H. L. Deutsch were regularly elected to membership. The application of Ben C. Sincere was read and referred to the membership committee for approval.

ST. PAUL NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—35th meeting, with 13 members and one visitor present, President Thomas presiding.

Mr. Fifer thanked the members of the St. Paul Numismatic Association for making the recent Hobby Show of the Y's Men's Club such a great success. The coin room again was the center of attraction and the displays were much more interesting and attractive than the previous year. The members who again distinguished themselves with their displays were Mr. Thomas, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Debbert and Mr. Buetow, and were awarded blue ribbons for first class, and Mr. Fillmore, Mr. Harkins, and Mr. Bailie were awarded red ribbons for second place.

One of the high lights of the exhibit was a duplicate commemorative silver collection by Mr. Buetow, which was displayed in a unique fashion. Two coins of each issue were mounted on an individual stand with a black background, showing the obverse and reverse, and J. H. Morris, Jr., the District Secretary of Alabama, will now have to look to his laurels.

The subject for discussion during the evening was 2c. pieces, and Mr. Edwards and Mr. Buetow displayed complete sets. Many interesting questions arose.

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB—61st meeting, May 4th, with Mr. Reagan, president, in the chair. There were present 21 members and four visitors.

The president gave a report of the activities of the various metropolitan coin clubs which he had attended during the past month.

Mr. Knoth, on behalf of the auction committee, presented a set of rules that had been prepared, covering the submission of material and conduct of auctions, which were adopted.

Our guest, Mr. Morgenthau, read a delightful paper, which he entitled, "Latest Adventures of an Old Coin Collector."

Mr. Reagan read a paper, which is the first of a proposed series of three, on Octavius Augustus Caesar.

Mr. St. Martin spoke on the work he has been doing to foster the growth of numismatics in other organizations.

Miss Ida Heiserman was elected to membership and thus became the first female member of the club. An application for membership was submitted by Mr. Morgenthau.

The following exhibits were made:

Mr. Klaif: Numismatic books on Russian coins by Count Leo Tolstoy, S. F. de Schubert and Ch. Denis.

Mr. Kosoff: Papal set, 1929; $20 proof, 1903; 1851 slug, Humbert; pair

of cuff links containing four 1904 Lewis and Clarke dollars; 1864 half dime, proof; Wood's Minstrel token in silver.

Charles M. Wormser: 5c. scrip, Mason, Meylert & Co., Scranton, Pa.

Mr. Morgenthau: 60 assorted coins, medals, tokens, etc., gathered on a recent Southern trip.

Mr. Reagan: Denarii of Augustus, Mark Antony, Lepidus, Caligula, and Cleopatra; second bronze of Livia; framed plates of Augustus, etc.; set of Italian stamps issued for bi-millenium of Augustus.

Mr. Silverman: Photograph of the new Jefferson nickel, showing obverse and reverse.

Mr. Van der Meer: Dutch coins and medals: Pattern 10c., 1843; daalder from Imperial City, Deventer, Campen and Zwolle, 1555; daalder, Utrecht, 1592, Prince William I; 3 jetons.

Mr. Knouth: Papal scudos of Clement X, showing on the reverse the opening of the Holy Door; Benedict XIV, 1753; Sede Vacante, 1758; Pius VI, 1780; Pius VII, 1807; Gregory XVI, 1834; Pius IX, 1870.

Mr. Daukszys: Nine small Polish coins from 1755 to 1834; 2 Russian coins for Georgia; "beard coin" of Peter the Great.

Mr. Schmidt: Westphalia notgeld, metal 50 pfennig to 1 billion marks; Travancore, 1, 4, 8 cash and 1 chuckrum, copper.

Mr. Bullowa: 1794 Franklin Press Cent.

Mr. Fastove: Three German proofs, 1937, consisting of 5 marks silver, 2 pfennig copper, 1 pfennig copper.

Mr. Blake: Full set of George VI coronation coins; various coin lockets, including two schraubthaler; miniature reproductions of English coins.

Mr. Anderson: Spanish coins showing the mintmarks of the following mints: Zaragosa, Segovia, Madrid, Popayan, Santiago, Guadalajara, Nueva Guatemala, Lima and Potosi; 4 and 2 reales of Charles and Joanna.

Mr. Schwartz: Thalers of Brunswick: 1572, Julius, Light thaler; 1595, Henry Julius, Rebel thaler; 1597, Henry Julius, Truth thaler; 1598, Henry Julius, Wild Man thaler; 1562, Henry the Younger, Wild Man thaler; 1662, Augustus, Wild Man thaler.

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—Seventy-eighth regular meeting. Fifteen members were present.

The following were elected to membership: J. C. Archers, 914 Kelton Avenue; Peter Ulrich, 1271 Wager Street; Charles Dexter, 1385 Oak Street, and William Kessler, 557 South Grant Street.

President Chambers, reported that he had investigated the matter of special lighting for the exhibits to be held in the Junior Ballroom at the time of the A. N. A. Convention. The necessary expenditure was authorized.

E. P. Bowers gave a worth-while talk on the history of the first and second United States Banks. He mentioned particularly the part in which the State of Ohio and the branches in this State played in the history of this banking system. The talk was very much apprecated by the members.

Exhibits of commemorative half dollars and a sale of 1938 D mint buffalo nickels concluded the meeting.

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The society held its regular monthly meeting and dinner at the Boston City Club on April 25. After the dinner the members retired to Room R for the business meeting. President Pond and five members were present.

In reference to a letter sent to the secretary relative to obtaining membership lists by individuals who were not members of the society, the president informed the body that it was not the policy of the society to send out membership lists in that manner.

The president read a letter from a committee of Works Progress Administration workers who were engaged in an historical research. He also read copies of letters which he had sent to the editor of the Boston Herald and to the Boston Better Business Bureau concerning misleading numismatic advertising matter which had appeared in this section and offered to them the society's assistance and cooperation in enlightening the general public relative to coin values, etc., and in the preparation and publication of pamphlets, literature and articles pertaining to numismatics in order to keep it in its proper high plane.

There was a general discussion as to what would be the best procedure

to follow in increasing the society's membership, and the president informed those present of his activities in that respect. The secretary was instructed to invite a guest to the next meeting.

The question of holding auctions after the meetings was brought up by Mr. Evanson, and without any action being taken it was deemed inadvisable, judging from past experience.

Mr. Stafford spoke on the advisability of holding an exhibition of coins and medals next winter at the Boston Public Library, and also suggested that numismatic articles be written for publication in the local newspapers.

The members were informed of President Pond's election to the Council of the American Numismatic Society of New York, and also of his recent visit to the New York Numismatic Club, where he read a paper on the Maria Theresa Thaler.

Exhibits were as follows:

Henry Evanson: An assortment of 12 Colonial coins, including Massachusetts cents and half cents, Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, Fugio and Bar cents, all in fine condition.

Morgan H. Stafford: An assortment of 16 Colonial coins, including three varieties of Wood's coinage, three Rosa Americana, Bar cent, Higley cent, Pitt cent, New Jersey, Talbot, Allum and Lee and Washington cents, all in fine condition.

Fred W. Prior: An old U. S. half dollar, the first coin he obtained that started him as a collector.

President Pond: Picture of a fine wood carving (medal type).

Dr. S. Steinberg: Uncirculated Fugio cent; small brass medal, silver plated, depicting Jeff Davis hanging from scafforld, and reading "Jeff Davis —Death to Traitors"; an assortment of 12 U. S. patterns from one cent to five dollars, struck in various metals, and including several rarities.

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB—April 14. In celebration of our becoming two and a half years old, the regular meeting was held starting at six o'clock, in the Van Tassell Banquet Rooms, 219 South Thirteenth Street. The club had as its special guests four members of the Lehigh Valley Coin Club—H. N. Shepherd, president; A. J. Smith, secretary; H. T. Craig and Paul Ziegler. This is a new club and they have a large territory from which to draw prospective members. We suggest that all those interested in numismatics living in that vicinity should join this wide-awake group.

The regular meeting, called to order by President Davidson, was made as short as possible in order that more time could be given to entertainment, which included a number of new features. All members were requested to state where they hid their coins, and the answers given were both amusing and instructive, in that they gave us many new ideas as to where to keep our treasures.

Another feature of the evening that proved very interesting to all and profitable to a number of the members was the auctioning of five packages, each worth one dollar to three dollars in value and the contents unknown. All packages brought good prices and the proceeds were added to the balance in the Club's treasury.

The meeting closed following the drawing of the door prize, a copy of Coffin's "Coin Collecting" won by Mr. Dowling; the selection of the prize-winning exhibition, won by Mr. Davidson, and one of the largest auctions, by Mr. Reed, that we have ever had.

The following exhibitions attracted special attention:

Mr. Davidson: Waterloo medal, by Benedetto Pistrucci; William Penn medal, by Lewis Pingo (copper); Libertas Americana medal, by Dupre (copper); Columbus medal, by L. Pogliaghi and A. Cappiccio; Lysmachus tetradrachn of Alexander the Great, B. C. 323-281; George Washington medal (Eccleston); Lindbergh medal, by Frederick MacMonnies (fourth issue of the Society of Medallists); Lincoln medal in silver, by Roine.

Mr. Webb: Complete set of two-cent pieces, uncirculated or proof; twenty-seven varieties of leptons, or widow's mites; complete set of Edward VIII coins, uncirculated; set of Ethiopia coins, the last issued by Haile Salassie, uncirculated.

Mr. Iannarella: Large medal, weighing six ounces, St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia; reverse, the interior. Pius IX, bronze; reverse, Christ sleeping and Disciples telling Him to save them as storm is raging.

Hebrew medal, obverse, Jesus Christ; reverse, Hebrew letters, translated: "There is one Messiah, the Lord Jesus, Son of God.". (These exhibitions were appropriate for Good Friday.)

Mr. Bechtel: $1, $2 and $3 notes of the Adrian Insurance Co., Michigan.

Mr. Wismer: One-cent note, 1¾ by 2⅞ inches, dated December 15th, 1863, issued by George S. Corwan at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and a similar 2-cent note of the same issue.

Mr. Leatherman: A complete set of proof two-cent pieces, 1863 to 1873.

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB—35th meeting, May 12th. President Davidson presided. Thirty members and guests were present.

The highlight of the evening was a short talk by Mr. H. R. Willis, of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, in which he pointed out the possibilities of co-operation and mutual help that are offered by his organization.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the coin exchange committee, requested that his committee be enlarged to include the buying and selling of numismatic items on order among the members. He stated that it had been brought to his attention that there were many members who desired to secure some particular coin, and that perhaps by the establishing of a "clearing house" they may be able to locate a member who has the particular coin to sell. This additional service was quickly voted to the committee.

Charles J. Curran and Francis A. Pfalzer were elected to membership.

The meeting closed following a spirited auction by Curator Iannarella.

Mr. Wismer won the prize for the best exhibit of the evening which included the following:

Mr. Wismer: First five types of the 1794 cents in fine condition.

Mr. Norris: Collection of Confederate notes; counterfeit coin-testing balance; complete set of Southern Odessa coins.

Mr. Vansant: United States cents in very fine condition, including the following: 1793 chain type, 1793 wreath type, 1793 Liberty cap, 1799 wreath type, 1804 wreath type, and 1856 flying eagle.

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—April 21. There were nineteen members present.

A letter from the Washington Numismatic Society was read, inviting us to their dinner on May 19.

A letter was read from Lt. Com. Oscar H. Dodson, one of our members at sea in the Government service, and was of interest to friends.

The club learned with much regret that our member, Mr. Bash, has been quite ill.

Mr. Duffield read a clipping about the postal authorities' having refused the mail privileges to a firm in Springfield, Mass., and it was the consensus of opinion of the club that this was a very good thing to have done.

Mr. Perlitz, our new president, announced that the next meeting would be given over to a talk on Spanish coins by Mr. Requard.

Our usual auction took place.

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—May 5, with twenty members present.

In view of the dinner given by our friends, the Washington Numismatic Society, on May 19, it was decided to omit the usual meeting for the second Thursday in May so that all our members interested might attend the Washington dinner. The secretary was requested to notify the membership to this effect.

Mr. Perlitz suggested that it might be a good idea to provide a program night of questions and answers on numismatic topics, with prizes for the most alert numismatist. Mr. Cook, of Annapolis, agreed to provide a fancy box in which to deposit the questions if anyone cares to put them in writing.

Mr. McCormick announced that the next auction night would contain some very interesting and valuable pieces, and he requested a lively attendance.

The rest of the evening was devoted to an exhibition of Spanish coins, both gold and silver. Mr. Requard made a brief address on the coins of Spain, as well as the earlier types minted in Mexico and South America, and touched upon the history of the changes in the Spanish and South American coinages, principally since the time of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. Mr. McCormick and Mr. Heiserman also had interesting exhibits of Spanish coins.

HEART OF AMERICA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—May 9, with twenty-seven members and 11 visitors present. Two of the visitors made application for membership, which, with new members previously joining, makes the drive for twenty-five new members this year a sure thing.

The banquet committee reported that everything was set for the semi-annual banquet to be held May 23rd. The entertainment committee promises a happy surprise in the way of musical and vocal talent, as well as entertaining speakers.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Stacks of New York for their token donation, and the secretary was requested to notify them they were considered active members instead of just out-of-towners.

A set of souvenir coins was presented to Mr. Steed, manager of the Pickwick Hotel, in appreciation of the many courtesies shown the club.

The question box was overfilled, and gave a good line on how much (and how little) the members knew about numismatics. The question box has proven to be a head-liner, both entertainingly and educationally.

Exhibits were as follows:

H. H. Nowlin: Washington medals.

Geo. G. Paris: Roman and Greek coins.

James Guinotte: Coins of the Holy Roman Empire.

Dr. Richard G. Helman: Coins of Norway and Sweden.

Mrs. Frank Osborne won first prize, a gold coin, in the guessing contest.

Many choice coins were offered at the auction and brought good prices.

MADISON COIN CLUB—May 3rd. President Hawley presiding, with nine members and one guest in attendance.

A motion was made and carried that the present officers of the club retain their positions for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Henderson reported that our new meeting quarters would most likely by ready for our next meeting when we meet again in September. This place will be in the Union Trust Building.

It was decided that our meeting date should be held nearer the middle of the month so that more of our members will be able to attend more often. The second Monday or Tuesday was chosen as the date.

A motion was made that we have a club program committee. Motion was carried.

Gordon Gill and Elmer Dornfeld were appointed as a program committee.

Our exhibit in the hobby booth which was held in conjunction with the Madison Home Show at the Loraine Hotel the latter part of April was a success. It brought many inquiries and amusing comments.

The exhibits at this show were as follows:

Gordon Gill: United States commemoratives.

Louis J. Burger: About sixty dollars of the United States and many foreign countries.

Elmer Dornfeld: One tray of Indian cents and one tray of Lincoln cents.

Claude Hawley: United States large cents and United States gold, from California, 25c. piece to $20 piece.

Ray Rinden: Two trays of over 150 different varieties of United States sales-tax tokens.

Quite a discussion on counterfeit coins was enjoyed with each of us telling different stories we know of counterfeit coins and bills, their differences and the Government's action on counterfeiting.

Exhibits for the evening were as follows:

Arthur Strelow: United States gold; various types of the $5 and the $10 pieces and many others.

Ray Rinden: Book, "Coins of the World," by Wayte Raymond.

Gordon Gill: Book of fifty different varieties of United States $1 currency, all in the old-style large size bills.

PITTSBURGH COIN CLUB—April 7, President Cunningham presiding. There were 19 members and two guests present.

Ralph Buterbaugh gave a very fine paper on the various types and varieties of United States small cents.

Exhibits were as follows:

H. D. Gibbs: 45 foreign crowns, Russian 10-kopek copper-plate money, 1726, a very rare variety, with an inscription on the reverse.

Ralph Buterbaugh: 11 uncirculated Civil War tokens of Pittsburgh.

Dr. David Katz: A very fine lot of foreign crowns, including Papal, Brunswick-Lunneberg, Salzburg, Siebenbergen, Sweden, Parma, Ratisbon, etc.

J. Edgar Cunningham: United States half dollars, 1864, 1868, 1912, in proof.

Peter Romcovitz: Sets of the West Newton 1, 2 and 5 nickels in wood.

Dr. Hepting: Proof nickel, 1938, D Mint.

Mr. Kontrick was elected to membership and gave a brief talk on his collecting activities and exhibited 4000 reis commemorative coin of Brazil, largest silver coin ever struck for America, and 2-kroner Swedish Delaware commemorative.

It was announced that Wm. A. Gaede would speak on Jewish coins at the May meeting.

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB—267th meeting, April 13th, President Sandburg presiding, with fifteen members and one visitor present.

Russell L. Hoekstra filed an application for membership, which will be voted on at the next meeting.

Plans for a basket lunch picnic for June were discussed and Mr. Wheeler made a motion, which was carried, that the event be scheduled for the regular meeting date, June 8th, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Gaylord having offered the use of his summer home at Wilbraham, the picnic will be held there.

The exhibit by Mr. Morse was very interesting, being an exhibit of personal items gathered together during his long period of collecting and not necessarily numismatic. It consisted of convention badges, postal cards, letters, clippings, pictures, medals, A. N. A. dues cards and many other articles. The memories and anecdotes that these things recalled to Mr. Morse's mind as he handled them were told in an interesting and friendly way.

The Club benefited considerably from the auction sale of donations and the members present had a good time bidding.

ST. LOUIS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The St. Louis Numismatic Society was organized February 15. Arthur Kelley was elected president, Eric P. Newman, vice-president and secretary, and C. W. Lounsberry, treasurer. By-laws and program committees were appointed, H. A. Stanley being chairman of the former and Walter Rauert chairman of the latter.

The next meeting, held March 14, had 55 persons present including members and their guests. John H. Snow gave an address on United States coins, giving a general survey of their history. There were exhibits and an auction. Sam Bushnell was appointed chairman of the exhibition committee. Walter Rauert was placed in charge of auctions.

The third meeting was held on April 11. Eric P. Newman gave an address on United States paper currency, giving a history of its use from Colonial times to the present. Sam Bushnell displayed frames of the various types of paper currency.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—April 12th, with President Wallace in the chair.

There was much discussion, informally, with regard to the proposed exibit of coins to be made by the society at the time of the exhibit of stamps by the San Diego Stamp Club. There were also discussions regarding methods of promoting a better attendance, and of the causes of the apparent scarcity of some of the later issues of United States coins.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee to provide some previously arranged numismatic programs for the meetings of the society.

An auction of coins was held.

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—April 25th. Our 253rd meeting brought out the largest attendance of the year. Advance notice was mailed so that all might know of our proposed visit to the Niagara Stamp and Coin Club at Lockport on the following Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening, April 27, thirteen of our members and several guests were welcomed by some twenty of the Niagara Stamp and Coin Club at their regular meeting held in Lockport, N. Y. After a short business

session, their president, William D. Davidson, turned the meeting over to Clyde D. Spears, who in turn introduced Robert H. Lloyd as speaker for the evening. Since the Niagara club is composed of both stamp and coin collectors, Mr. Lloyd being well versed in both fields, chose to point out the close relationship that exists between stamps and coins, especially when paper money is considered as one branch associated with coins. In closing he stressed the wisdom of specializing in some branch of either field since a general collection of much merit is too great an undertaking for the average collector. A thorough understanding of any field, no matter how limited, will usually result in more lasting pleasure and profit. The meeting then adjourned to a social hour, with very enjoyable refreshments prepared by the hostesses and an opportunity to view exhibits of stamps and coins which both clubs arranged for the occasion.

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION--May 9th. Mr. Taylor presided at our 254th meeting with twelve members on hand and little routine business to transact. By unanimous consent, F. J. Herrick became our 90th member.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Wolsley: A group of interesting copper pieces, including English tokens dated 1812 issued for I. Bunn and the Smelting Works at London: a London and Middlesex halfpenny token of George, Prince of Wales, also a halfpenny of William III; Australian tokens, 1819, S. Hagen Smith; 1820, Iredale Co.; 1862, T. Stokes, and an undated token of R. Parker; an Australian Commonwealth penny, 1919; New Zealand token, undated, of John Gilmour, and an Irish 1928 penny.

Mr. Rich: A curious 1821 U. S. cent with obverse design incused on the reverse; also several ancient and foreign coins.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—May 3, President Marlier in the chair. Fifteen members and one visitor were present.

Prosper E. DeVos, 1014 Lakewood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Dr. George J. Kastlin, University Club, Pittsburgh, Pa., were elected to membership.

The topics for discussion and exhibits were U. S. two-cent pieces and three-cent pieces, and coins of countries beginning with the letter "I."

Mr. Woodside presented an excellent paper on the coinage of India, and Mr. Marlier gave a talk on the coins of Ireland. Several hundred specimens of coins from these countries were shown.

Mr. Locker exhibited a complete set of three-cent silver pieces in uncirculated and proof condition, and told briefly of the history of this series.

Mr. Bullions led a discussion on current events in numismatics.

As an entertainment feature, each member was asked to name the two coins which he most desired for his collection. This proved interesting, as there was just one duplication—the 1794 silver dollar, which was named by three different members.

After partaking of refreshments the society decided to meet in June at Carnegie Institute. This meeting will feature the annual election of officers, and the topics for discussion and exhibition will be U. S. five-cent pieces and coins of countries beginning with the letter "J."

Exhibits (in addition to those mentioned above) were as follows:

Mr. Gies: Lincoln and Elgin commemorative half-dollars; 8 copper coins of the Isle of Man; 6 copper coins of Ireland, 1760 to 1822; halfpenny of George III, double head, no date.

Mr. Gaede: Badge of the 20th Congress of the Czecho-Slovak League; 1937 Wedding series of King Farouk I of Egypt; 1937 20 kronen of Czecho-Slovakia, portrait of Masaryk; 1937 2 kronen of Prince Eugene, Austria; Sweden, 2 kroner commemorative, 1638-1938; Mexico, 2 pesos commemorative, 1821-1921.

Dr. Hepting: 1879 Stella, proof; 1920 buffalo five-cent piece struck in pure copper.

Mr. Eastwood: Irish gun money; coppers of India; coppers of Italy; medal of Napoleon as King of Italy.

Mr. Coatsworth: Miscellaneous coins and currency of Italy; $2 bank note of Greensburg, Pa.

Mr. Bullions: Complete set of two-cent pieces, unc. and proof; complete

set of nickel three-cent pieces, proofs; about fifty coins of Italy, India and Ireland.

Mr. Laughlin: Ireland: Silver penny, John I, 1199, double struck; half-penny, George III; penny, George IV, 1822; proof set, Irish Free State, 1928. India: two copper "dumps" of native States; 1 cash, copper, 1790. U. S. 2-cent pieces, 1864, 1865 and 1868, fine and unc.

Mr. Hall: Tray of medals, different sizes and metals.

From the Society's collection: Various medals; stone fragment from the dungeon of Joan of Arc.

DETROIT COIN CLUB—April 21, 336th meeting. Thirty members and five visitors were present.

The usual business session for the evening was omitted because of the dinner and big evening of entertainment.

Mr. Needels announced the presence of Mr. Nichols, of the Boston Numismatic Society. Mr. Nichols gave his point of view on coins and told us about the Boston club.

Mr. Schill arranged a very nice dinner, and all present will agree that the evening was well spent.

DETROIT COIN CLUB—May 5, 337th meeting, Mr. Needels presiding. Twenty-five members and three guests were present.

Mr. Rapp made a preliminary report as to the A. N. A. proxy study committee.

Mr. Bixler reported no progress made at the time regarding several exhibitions of coins in Detroit banks.

Mr. Brisley informed the members that on May 19 Mr. Kaller will read a paper regarding the U. S. silver dollars.

Mr. Needels then announced our visitors, Mr. Strong and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Scott had about 50 coins she wished to dispose of. An auction was held and nearly all the coins changed hands.

Mr. Skowronski made a report that he invited A. N. A. members who do not belong to the Detroit Coin Club and reside in the State of Michigan to attend one of our future meetings.

NORTHWEST COIN CLUB—April 7. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Tupper, with 32 members and guests present. As this was ladies' night, a good percentage of the fair sex attended the meeting with their husbands.

Fourteen applications for membership were read. They are Louis Huber, J. L. Montgomery, C. E. Christy, Glenn A. Johnson, G. M. Gustafson, W. J. Wynne, C. E. Herbrig, David McRoberts, Mrs. H. C. Thuras, Dr. L. G. Glickman, Virgil Walker, Royal Embree, A. W. Mettayer, A. G. Engberg and H. C. Core.

Professor Reed, of the St. Paul Central High School, had arranged a very fine program for the evening.

Fred Enevoldson, a member of the club from Hutchinson, Minn., invited the members out to his home some evening in May.

NORTHWEST COIN CLUB—April 21. Meeting called to order by President Berggren, with 20 members and guests present.

Mr. Paul Olson announced that the auction May 5 would have over 110 lots.

Four applications were read for the second time and approved. They are R. S. Thornton, C. W. Turner, Jr., Miss Molly Turner and Mrs. Josephine Klaus.

Paul Olson will deliver one of the weekly talks at the Minneapolis Library. The average attendance at one of these weekly meetings is over 500.

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—23d meeting called to order by President Paul M. Fouts, April 28th. Seventeen members and 12 visitors present.

Miss C. Bower, Miss A. Christensen and Mr. J. T. Blacksten were admitted to membership.

Two years of The Numismatist, 1935-36, nicely bound, were added to the club library.

Mr. Sanford suggested that a list be prepared of dealers with whom members have had experiences, recommending those who have dealt fairly and boycotting those whose relations have been unsatisfactory.

Mr. Fouts then introduced Captain Jarrell, chief of the Secret Service of the Seattle area, who spoke on counterfeiters and counterfeit notes. He stated that the Bureau of Printing and Engraving had grown from a few employes until at present there are between 5000 and 6000 in this department, and in addition to printing all the U. S. notes, about 14 to 18 billion postage stamps are turned out each year. After an engraver's model is accepted it takes eight months' work before notes can be printed from them. The face of the notes as well as the backs are each allowed to ripen for three months before the seals, serial numbers and signatures are added in one operation by a machine, making them ready for shipment.

Captain Jarrell displayed his wonderful collection of counterfeit notes from $1 to $100 and told several amusing incidents in connection with bringing some of the offenders to book. He gave some very good advice as to how counterfeits can be detected and the most important things to watch when handling U. S. notes.

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—43rd meeting, April 29, and called to order by President Polzer. Thirty members and sixteen visitors from Chicago, Racine and Waukesha were present.

George F. Kocher and Ray J. Kirchar were admitted to membership.

A suggestion was made that a state convention be held in the near future and the clubs from Racine, Waukesha, Madison and other neighboring clubs be invited.

President Rayson of the Chicago Coin Club, and the Chicago Coin Club applied for membership in our society.

The honor speaker of the evening was Mr. Voss, of the United States Secret Service. Mr. Voss, whose speech was both educational and interesting, explained the difference in the various branches of United States law-enforcement departments. He explained the various types of counterfeit coins and currency, and said the best way to tell the counterfeit currency was to "know the good ones." He had an assortment of counterfeits in denominations from one to twenty dollars which he passed among those present for their inspection. Mr. Voss answered all questions asked him in regard to his branch of the service and any questions pertaining to the making of coins and paper money, both by our Government and by counterfeiters. After Mr. Voss' speech a short recess was held, during which refreshments were served.

After recess, Messrs. Rayson, Sheldon and Davis of Chicago and Mr. Smieding, of Racine, spoke.

The question box conducted by Mr. Noske made a big impression on our visitors.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Sheldon: Electrum stater, Gaul, B. C. 300; Alexander the Great stater, B. C. 336-323; octodrachm, Arsinoe II, Egypt, B. C. 285-246; dinar, Karuakas, India, B. C. 152-140; and Byzantine solidi, B. C. 341-672, all in fine state of preservation.

Mr. Rayson: Edward III gold noble, 1350; Henry VIII gold angel, 1509; Elizabeth gold angel, 1587; Charles I Declaration unite of Oxford, 1643; Queen Anne gold touchpiece, 1704; Charles I blacksmith ½ crown, 1642, struck by Confederated Catholics; Charles I ½ crown, 1634; and Commonwealth of England sixpence, 1658.

Mr. Casterton: $5 broken-bank note of Hudson, N. Y., 1817.

Mr. Davis: $1 and $2 notes of Mississippi Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Sinipee, Wis., issued in Chicago; Wisconsin store cards.

Mr. Polzer: A number of trays of U. S. and foreign coins.

Mr. Collura: Complete set of commemoratives and tray of foreign coins.

A very interesting and lively auction was held, following adjournment.

TRUMBULL COIN, STAMP AND CURIO CLUB—May 4. President Herbert Walker presided at the meeting. Fourteen members were present.

It was announced that at the meeting on May 18 T. James Ciarke, of Jamestown, N. Y., will exhibit part of his collection of rare and valuable

coins. It was agreed that a buffet lunch should be served at that time, and that club members should invite their families and friends to attend.

C. T. Shallenberger and Charles Prather were elected members.

Since the club's curio collectors had been assigned a prominent place in the evening's entertainment, several members spoke of their specialties.

Charles Detre presented fifteen questions rgarding U. S. stamps, which members were requested to answer, thereby improving their knowledge of stamps.

DAYTON COIN CLUB—Seventh meeting, April 25th, President Urban C. Thobe in the chair. Seventeen members were present.

Frank M. Bowyer, Jr. was admitted to membership.

President Thobe promised to give us a talk on the Seal on our currency at a future meeting.

Several of the members turned in their orders to the club secretary for 1938 proof sets.

Mr. Stringham exhibited rare books on old coins that he had purchased on his travels throughout the world. At his invitation the next meeting will be held in the open grove at his rural home. The meeting will include all the afternoon and evening.

QUAD CITY COIN CLUB, Davenport, Iowa—Sixth regular meeting called to order by President Schneider with 10 members and one visitor present.

It was voted to close charter list at close of May 12 meeting and initiation fee fixed at $1.00 and annual dues $1.00 thereafter. The business meeting was followed by considerable trading activity.

QUAD CITY COIN CLUB—Regular monthly meeting, May 12 with 12 members present. Three new members admitted.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a summer picnic or outing.

Ted Hammer, of Waterloo, gave a talk on his visit to a number of Iowa towns in the interests of the A. N. A.

The club voted to cooperate in sponsoring a State meeting at Iowa City, June 12, and to make a contribution for this purpose.

CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB—123rd meeting, May 3rd. President Gilhousen presided over the dinner and the meeting which followed immediately thereafter. Twenty-seven members and guests were present.

The first speaker was Colonel Phelps, who gave an abbreviated 'round the world talk and gave the members an idea of some of his globe trotting for Uncle Sam. He remarked that one of the first things he learned in China was to look his change over very carefully. It seems to be the custom there to always give change in stacks, particularly the dollars. After checking the coins received in one such transaction, he discovered that he had three lead dollars. From then on he decided that it wasn't wise to accept change in stacks. The colonel brought out the fact that while the army's business is war, they are a peaceful group and always desire it above all else. He then gave a short sketch of world events and the war situation as it appears today, particularly in Europe and the Far East. The talk was very interesting and enjoyed immensely by those present.

Ed. M. Lee spoke briefly on some of the pleasurable difficulties experienced in endeavoring to identify unknown coins. He related in particular the steps he had followed at one time when he had an old Roman coin to classify. By dint of much reading and questioning of those who knew something of the subject, he found the coin to be from one of the Roman colonies established for war veterans. The obverse pictured a crocodile and the letters C O L. The former was a symbol adopted by the inhabitants for their colony, and the letters were the Latin abbreviation for "colony." The reverse had the letters N E M, which stood for the name of the colony, Nemasus, now known as Nimes, in Southern France.

Mr. Wilson donated to the club his 1938 edition of "American Catalog" of coins.

Mr. Pradeau announced that he had contacted the manager of the building in which he has offices and learned that suitable quarters could be secured

as a regular meeting place for the Club for a very reasonable price. His suggestion was adopted.

Mr. Wilson suggested that at some time in the future one evening be devoted to a "junior collectors" night. Arrangements will be made to schedule such a meeting at an early date.

Following the adjournment a very sizeable auction was held, with Dr. Harbeck officiating.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—May 2, President Thomas H. Chapman presiding. There were 29 members present. As visitors there were present J. Henri Ripstra, President of the American Numismatic Association; Mr. Montrop and Mrs. Kinkead W. Henton.

President Chapman then made some remarks on the Numismatic News Letter of the Washington Numismatic Society, copies of which were distributed to each one present. After reading there was a general discussion as to its merits and whether or not it should be continued.

Mr. Weikert gave his report on the Washington Numismatic Society banquet which is to take place on May 19, at the Hotel Washington. A letter was received from the Secretary of the Baltimore Coin Club advising that their meeting of May 19 had been postponed in order that those of their club who desired could accept the invitation of the Washington Numismatic Society to attend our banquet.

Mr. Vanderwende made his report on the meetings and talks given before the Police Boys Club. It was decided that this project canot be carried out, owing to the financial condition of the boys who need their money for athletic activities.

Application for membership was received from Mrs. Henton.

President Chapman then introduced J. Henri Ripstra, President of the American Numismatic Association, who made a very fine address. We were all pleased to again meet Mr. Ripstra and again renew our acquaintance made at the convention in August.

DES MOINES COIN CLUB—Twenty-sixth meeting, May 12th, with nineteen members present.

President McLain appointed a committee of three, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Cole and Mr. MacDonald, to select officers for the next year. The following officers were elected: Mr. Radke, president; R. MacDonald, vice-president; R. Janda, secretary and treasurer, and E. Cole, auctioneer.

It was decided to have a proof set given away at our next meeting as door prize.

It was also voted to have a list of all members' names and addresses given to all members.

A State meeting is to be held in Iowa City, Iowa, on June 5th or 12th. A good attendance is promised from several surrounding clubs.

Exhibits were as follows:

Art Kagin: Complete set of large cents, good to very good.
L. Chenoweth: Several brilliant patterns.
Dr. Hansen: 1923-D dollar, Unc.
E. Cole: 1859 pattern cent, brilliant proof.
Mr. Parker: Gold $2½, 1911-D, Unc.
Mr. Goodman: 1820 Unc. red large cent.
Mr. Janda: Complete set of large and small cents, fine to unc.

Refreshments were served, after which several pieces were sold at auction, followed by adjournment.

CORNBELT COIN CLUB, Waterloo, Iowa—Monthly meeting in Cohagen Cabin at the 'Y', May 6th. Twenty-two members were present.

After the regular routine business matters were disposed of, and officers for the ensuing year were elected, the club members and visitors were honored with the presence of Ted Hammer, A. N. A. District Secretary, Southern Iowa, of Burlington, who gave a most interesting talk on Colonial coins.

The Cornbelt Coin Club of Waterloo, Iowa, does not boast of a large membership, but the present membership is very much alive, and we have members who have collections as good as any in the Middle West.

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB—268th meeting, May 11, President Sandburg presiding, with thirteen members and one visitor present.

Russell L. Hoekstra was elected to membership.

Final plans for the basket-lunch picnic June 8th were made. This will be held at the summer residence of Mr. Gaylord, in Wilbraham. There will be a speaker and other interesting features. Members are expected to bring their wives and friends who may be interested.

The exhibits for the evening were furnished by Messrs. Morse, Parsons, Thompson, Oliver, Wolcott, MacIntosh, and Kohler. The entertainment committee had arranged a Springfield night for this meeting, asking all members to bring something pertaining to Springfield or surroundings, and the response was remarkable. Many interesting things were on exhibition, including coins, medals, paper money, stamps, letters, pictures and badges.

The club was particularly pleased to have as a guest Dr. E. E. Thompson, of the Springfield Stamp Club, who brought a very large and interesting collection of Springfield covers, dating back many years.

The auction sale was conducted by Mr. MacIntosh and many choice articles changed hands.

CORTLAND COIN CLUB—The 52nd meeting was held May 5th at the home of the president, Harry Gumaer, with seven members and five guests present.

Following the business session, an enjoyable and interesting time was spent examining the extensive collection shown in an attractive arrangement in show cases, frames and trays.

Supper was served by the hostess, Mrs. Gumaer, late in the evening.

For the June meeting the club has been invited by Rufus Stedman to hold a picnic in his camp at Hannah's Stump.

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB—May 4th. Nineteen members and guests present. Meeting called to order by President H. N. Shepherd.

President Shepherd gave a very interesting talk on the early American Colonial coinage. His talk and exhibits were enjoyed by all.

Akron Smith donated an uncirculated quarter eagle as a door prize, which was won by Charles Fatzinger.

The meeting was adjourned, after which the club held its first auction. There was a lot of material and it proved to be a very lively affair. The President officiated as auctioneer.

CHASE BANK COIN SOCIETY—April 21st. In the absence of our president, Miss Greta Gray, vice-president, presided.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Alfred Nilson in appreciation of the fine dinner and presents which we gave to him at the March meeting.

Mr. Brown announced that he attended the Westchester Coin Club fourth anniversary dinner at Bronxville, N. Y., on April 19th.

It was decided that the society appoint a committee to work with a committee from the New York club and other numismatic clubs in the metropolitan area on the proposed A. N. A. Convention. The chair appointed Messrs. Brown and Angell on this committee.

Miss Gregory read a paper on the Maundy money of England and showed several pieces of the money. Mr. Angell displayed varicus U. S. quarters, Liberty standing type, and the United States five-cent coin for 1938 from the Denver mint. Mr. Brown showed a rubber check for $1 from Hood River, Ore., and several pieces of wooden money issued to commemorate the Northwest Territory Pioneer Celebration in West Newton, Pa., and Marietta, Ohio.

The secretary distributed bronze tokens donated by Julius Guttag.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—270th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society was called to order by President Kraft in our newly decorated meeting hall at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, March 30. Twenty members and four guests were present.

Mr. Williams advised the membership regarding the Hobby Show to be held in November by the San Francisco Recreation Department. As a preliminary meeting is to be held in May, President Kraft appointed Messrs.

Williams and Roy Hill to represent the society and obtain further information.

The door prize donated by President Kraft was won by Mr. Wilson.

Messrs. Knabenschuh and Webb then outlined to the membership their views on the future of commemorative half dollar collecting, which proved a topic full of interest for us all.

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB—206th regular meeting, May 11th. There were thirty-eight members and tirty-one visitors present.

Dr. Sargis, our president, announced that next month would be past presidents' night.

Mr. Spencer reported that the club roster now in process of production would be ready for distribution next meeting night.

Mr. Freeman made his usual monthly announcement which reminded us of the A. N. A. convention in Columbus in August.

Mr. Walker spoke at some length relative to the May meeting of the Trumbull County Curio Stamp & Coin Club to be held at Warren, Ohio, on May 18th. A rare treat is in store for those who attend. Mr. and Mrs. T. James Clarke will attend, and Mr. Clarke will bring along his priceless rarities.

Dr. Sargis spoke of the fifth month of the year, its name, Maius, which seems to indicate that it was dedicated to the Goddess Maia, daughter of Atlas and mother of Mercury and Jupiter. The sign of the Zodiac for May is Taurus, the bull. Coins or medals displayed showing the animal are as follows: Ccin of Julian II the Apostate, A. D. 361-363, with the reverse showing the bull; medallion of Pescenius Niger, A. D. 194, who was defeated by Severus, put to death and his head sent to Rome. The reverse of this medallion shows the bull. The Greek coin of Neopolis has a reverse which shows a many-headed animal.

A short auction was held, after which the meeting was declared adjourned and the club members went to the National City Bank to view the numismatic exhibit on display there, which is the property of the Chase National Bank of New York City. The display was of interest and enjoyed by all.

SYRACUSE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—May 3, 1938. Ten members were present.

A buffet lunch was served at 6.30 P. M., and after the luncheon the meeting was called to order by President Scott H. Clarke.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, R. C. Martin; vice-president, Robert G. Evans; secretary, Frank O. Webster; treasurer, Paul S. Burns.

The following applications for membership were approved: G. D. Kirtland, R. C. Martin, Richard M. Bostick, J. Carlisle Pierce, J. E. Gramlich, Walter E. Nabinger, and W. F. Groeling.

The secretary was asked to amend the constitution to the effect that the meetings are now to be held the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30 P. M.

The president appointed Messrs. Evans, Pierce and Clarke as a program committee, and Mr. Nabinger was asked to submit a questionnaire for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Burns was appointed auctioneer to conduct auctions after business meetings for the next six months.

TRUMBULL COIN, STAMP AND CURIO CLUB—April 20. Fifteen members were present. It was announced that at the next regular meeting Chas. Detre would submit a list of questions on stamps to be answered by club members, and that Clare Porter and John Draper of the curio division would make exhibits of their hobbies.

President Walker then called on some of the guests present for remarks. Dr. J. J. Tyler, of Warren, president of the newly formed Trumbull County Historical Society, told of the effort being made to preserve the John Stark Edwards home in Warren, which was built in 1807 and is the oldest house in the city. He stated that Warren was the capital of the old Western Reserve for five years.

John Gregor, District Secretary of the A. N. A. for Northern Ohio, exhibited and explained his collection of Austrian coins, also a complete collection of U. S. Commemorative half dollars and U. S. Peace type dollars, all

in uncirculated condition. Edward Windau, vice-president of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club, of Cleveland, made a brief address.

Following this, members of the club gave close attention to an address by Dr. Y. A. Sargis, president of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club, of Cleveland, which he illustrated with exhibits of Turkish and Persian coins and two frames of rare Persian stamps. Dr. Sargis gave an intensely interesting word picture of the hardships endured by Christians in Armenia and Persia during the so called Holy War which was waged by the Turks in the name of the Mohammedan religion. During a period of six months 8500 persons were killed, chiefly because they would not agree to change their religion. Dr. Sargis himself narrowly escaped death at that time.

Dr. Sargis was made an honorary member of our club.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—41st meeting, April 28. Nine members and three visitors were present.

The banquet committee reported arrangements complete and that tickets had been mailed to all members.

After some discussion, Mr. Saunders moved that Messrs. Clough and McKinney be appointed a committee to ask Miss Lathrop to design a seal for the society.

Mrs. John H. Traver and Fred J. Kornetzki, who had seen our announcement in the Knickerbocker News, April 15th, were welcomed as visitors.

As the feature of the evening Dr. Sartoris presented Part I of his paper on "U. S. Fractional Currency," illustrated with some choice specimens from his collection.

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—At the April meeting of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association the following were admitted to membership: Abe Munich, Jos. W. Desserich, Isadore Koshover, W. D. Gulick, Fred Procter, Jr., J. J. Stubbs, and Harold S. Mason.

The question of holding bi-monthly meetings was discussed.

The American Numismatic Association convention will be held at Columbus August 13-18. President Brake appointed the foilowing committee to complete arrangements for a golf tournament to be held during the convention to entertain visiting delegates and friends: Mr. Schwarz, Doc Jones, Mr. Langman, Mr. Klensch, and Mr. Crosswhite.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ART SOCIETY—On April 7 we voted to change our name to the Canadian, instead of Winnipeg. The following officers will hold office until the summer of 1939: B. Koper, president; D. Dennis, vice-President; Walter Sidloski, secretary; Wilfred Cansdale, treasurer; H. S. Seaman, adviser; Robert Adams, guard.

During the convention week we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Dreiman, of New York, who was traveling through Canada. Mr. Dreiman asked permission to take several photos of the show-cases with coins on exhibit, also the officers, which was granted. He asked permission also to publish these pictures in the U. S. magazines, which also was given him.

P. C. N. S. TWENTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY DINNER.

In accordance with an old Spanish custom, the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has a birthday once a year, and that is the occasion for a festive dinner, lots of jollification and a chance to get better acquainted with our fellow-collectors. This year our dinner was held on the evening of April 27th at the Ritz Restaurant in San Francisco. The program committee, consisting of R. A. Webb, chairman; Roy Hill and N. O. Slate, had made arrangements and the tables were set with all the necessary implements, with red tulips and bottles of California's best red and white wine. After much urging the committee had prevailed upon me to again assume the toastmaster's job, and it was my pleasure during the allotted time to call on the various members, to have them let down their hair and really admit the fact that to be a successful coin collector one shouldn't be altogether sane. Lots of secrets came out to the enjoyment of everyone present. Toasts were proposed to the ladies, to Farran Zerbe and to our recently

departed friend, Ernest R. Wernstrom. We drank that one standing, remembering how much he had contributed to the success of so many of our dinners in the past. During the dessert Mr. Webb asked President Kráft to open the 271st meeting of the society for a specific purpose and to dispense with all other business. This being done, Mr. Webb announced that he had some birthday honors to distribute if the members were willing to assist him. He called attention to the fact that the constitution provided that officers of the Society could be made Fellows. This had been done in the case of Messrs. Wernstrom, Wyman and Hansen. He proposed however that these men, two posthumously, be elected to become Fellows of the Society on the merits of their own work and not solely as officers of the society. He further asked the members to elect to honorary membership our only remaining active member who was a charter member of the society, Basil Brandon. The members unanimously voted the birthday honors and the dinner proceeded. President Kraft announced that it was his thought that the society should participate in the celebration of the bimillennium of Augustus Caesar and that plans were now under way with the program committee. After everyone had partaken fully of the viands and there were no more secrets to let out, the 23rd birthday dinner came to an end with a pledge for continued work for numismatics in the coming year.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRONX COIN CLUB.

A special meeting of the members of The Bronx Coin Club was held on Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in honor of the eightieth birthday anniversary of our esteemed member, George H. Blake. Twenty-three members were in attendance and each congratulated him and wished him many additional years of numismatic activity. The birthday cake, which Mr. Blake cut after the dinner, was inscribed "Happy Birthday to George H. Blake 1858-1938." Mr. Blake was presented a fine reading lamp by the members of the club as a token of their best wishes and was also given a numismatic token prepared by Mr. Hentgen for him, bearing his likeness and data relating to its presentation. Mr. Blake was born on May 12, 1858, and greatly enjoys participating in numismatic activities throughout the Metropolitan area.

MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary.

SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET OF CONNECTICUT COLLECTORS.

The second annual banquet of numismatists of Connecticut was held Thursday evening, April 21st, 1938, at the Copper Bowl, Bridgeport. About fifty persons sat down to a turkey dinner. J. Henri Ripstra, President of the American Numismatic Association, was the guest speaker of the evening, and his very enlightening talk was enjoyed by all those present. This is the first time that any President of the A. N. A. has come into Connecticut as a guest speaker. We believe we were very fortunate in having Mr. Ripstra with us on this occasion and wish to take this opportunity to again thank him.

Oscar G. Schilke, District Secretary of the A. N. A. for Connecticut, spoke on the object and purpose of the newly formed Connecticut Numismatic Association. The speakers were introduced by Harold M. Sturges, president of the Connecticut Numismatic Association, who also introduced Martin F. Kortjohn, member of the Board of Governors of the A. N. A.; Harry J. Stein, District Secretary for Lower New York, and the officers of the Connecticut Numismatic Association, all of whom were present.

The exhibits were in a private room off the main dining room and were under the constant guard of two members of the Bridgeport police department. Exhibits were as follows:

J. Henri Ripstra: Pistrucci Waterloo medal; Lincoln plaque by J. Henri Ripstra (gold); Helen Culver medal.

Harry J. Stein: Greek portrait coins and coins of the city states.

Henry J. Fortier: Grant half dollar with star; 2 types of 1793 U. S. cent.

Mrs. Olga Schilke: U. S. proof sets complete, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900 and 1936.

Leonard Kusterer: Silver dollars of 1795, flowing hair; 1795, fillet head; 1798, 1840, 1878;1873 Trade dollar; Continental dollar, 1776, in pewter, and 1836 Flying Eagle dollar.

Mrs. Arthur S. Child: Collection of small cents and colonial cents.

W. C. Sanders: 44 medals; Bridgeport Civil War token.

John M. Richardson: Six Colonial bills, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Georgia, showing autographs of three signers of the Declaration of Independence, three signers of the U. S. Constitution and several members of the Continental Congress.

Patrick J. Kennedy: Complete set of U. S. small cents.

Dr. Robert E. Cruttenden: 1799 eagle, 1795 half eagle, and 1 escudo, gold, 1779, from Mexico City mint.

Wm. C. L. Hofmann: Fractional Currency Shield; double sheet, July, 1780, $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $7, $8, $20 State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; double sheet State of Rhode Island, Newport, A. D. 1786, 3, 5, 6, 10 shillings; four varieties New Haven Bi-Centennial medals, 1638-1838; 1805 doubloon, San Louis Potosi mint.

Martin F. Kortjohn: Pattern 1865 cent in nickel; 1866, copper-nickel; pattern five cent nickels; 1838 pattern half dollar.

Oscar G. Schilke: Various half eagles beginning with 1795 and up to 1915, the early dates in ex. fine and unc. condition, later dates in brilliant and sand-blast proof.

The secretary produced a copy of last year's program. In comparing the 1938 program with that of our first annual banquet (1937), we note that the 1938 program lists seven active numismatic organizations in Connecticut, whereas the 1937 program listed three.

The committee on arrangements were Oscar G. Schilke, J. Norman Crosby, Harold M. Sturges, Miss Eve Kottsieper and Patrick J. Kennedy.

CANADIAN GOLD INFLUX BELIEVED CACHE FOR WAR.

A Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa says that gold coin and bullion are reported flowing into Ottawa from abroad, to be stored in the vaults of the Bank of Canada. It is said more than $100,000,000 worth has been stored during the last few months in the new building on Wellington Street. Great secrecy shrouds the movement of the metal, and the reason for the importations remains a mystery. Bank officials will not comment.

Some monetary experts on Parliament Hill believe the gold is being sent to Canada so as to be readily available for the purchase of munitions in the United States should Great Britain be involved in war. Those who support this theory recall that during the World War the entire gold production of South Africa was shipped to Canada to be refined and eventually credited to Britain for purchase of war supplies in the United States.

Other experts contend the gold is being stored with the Bank of Canada by the Bank of England for safekeeping, because of the unsettled state of Europe and the danger of retaining a large gold supply in London should war break out. To have gold reserves scattered through the dominions would guarantee a credit backing under the most extreme exigencies of war, they believe.

These authorities scout the original belief that the bullion came to the Bank of Canada from Paris as a reserve for purchase of munitions for France.

The gold is not the property of the Bank of Canada and does not appear on the weekly bank statement which lists the amount of gold coin and bullion held by the bank on its own account. This has varied in the last year only between $179,000,000 and $187,000,000. This week's statement gives the total as $181,287,000, an increase of $429,000 over the previous week.

During the World War there was a movement of gold to Canada for payments on purchases by Great Britain and the Allies of supplies and munitions in the United States. At that time the Finance Department handled all movements of bullion, and during the four years, $1,200,000,000 of gold was handled by the department, of which $546,000,000 was for the account of the Bank of England and $658,000,000 for the British government.

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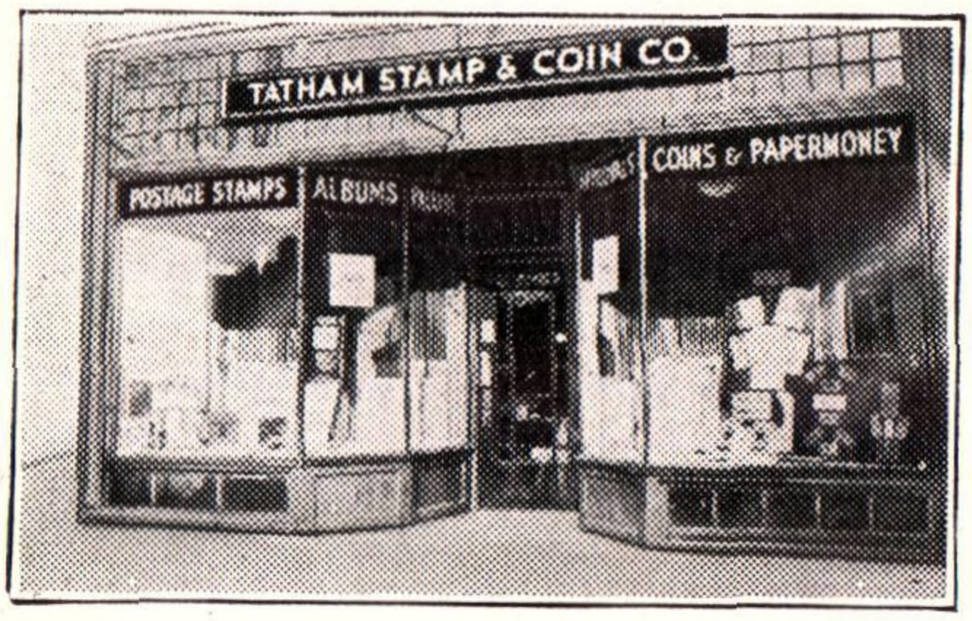
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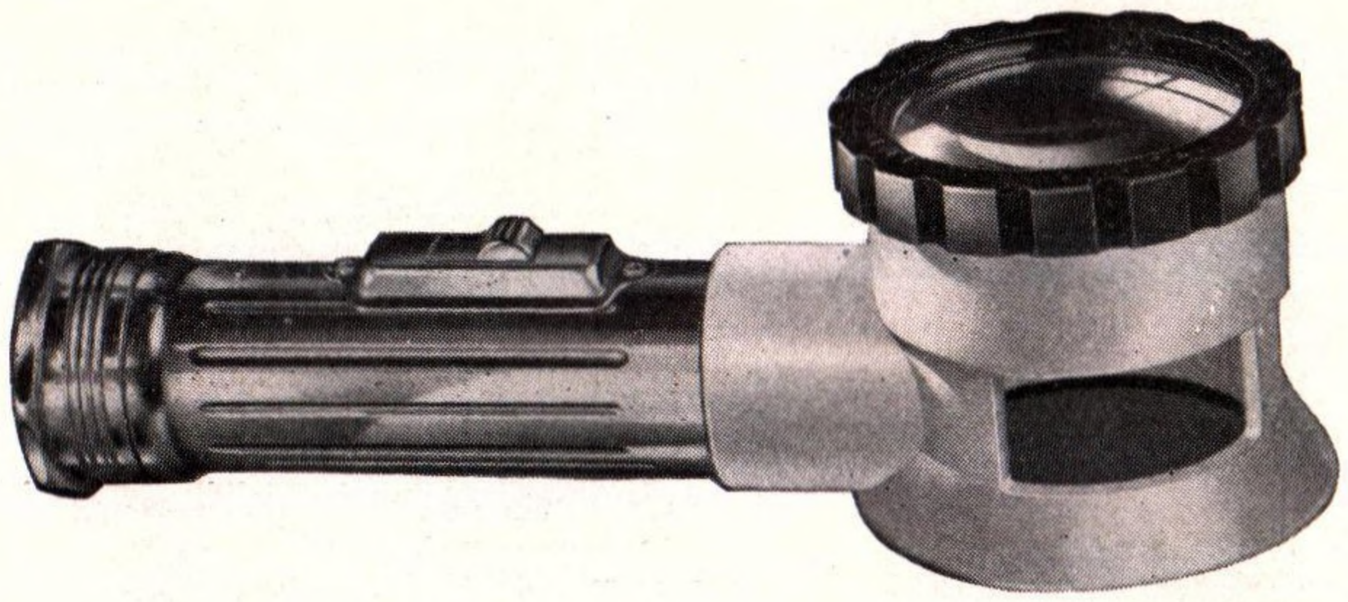
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